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...BECAME
A GLORIOUS
BATTLEFIELD
ADJOINED BY
DEATH AND
BLOOD.

THE
PALTRY
DINING TABLE
BY THE
FIRE, WITH
MY FAMILY
AROUND...

FROM A
LIFE I
CONTINUALLY
ENDURED...

EVERYTHING
CHANGED
THAT
DAY.

...TO
A LIFE
OF
FIGHTING
TO
SUCCEED.

HOW
I
THOUGHT,
HOW I
LIVED.

EVERY-
THING...



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キヤスカ(3)

CASCA, CHAPTER 3

SINCE
THAT
DAY.....

THE
DAY
I
MET
GRIFFITH,

I...

EVEN
NOW I
FEEL IT'S
BEEN
ONE
LONG
DREAM.



...I
IDOLIZED
GRIFFITH.

BACK
THEN...

HE
WAS
LIKE...

...SOME
PROPHET
OR SAINT.

.....
.....

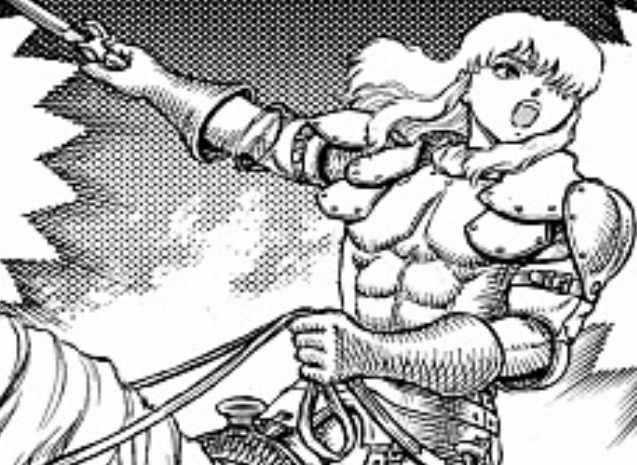


...EVER VICTORIOUS
ON THE BATTLEFIELD,
FIGHTING LIKE
SOME MIRACLE.

WE WERE A
RAGTAG BAND OF
COMMONERS WITH
NO BACKING...

IN EFFECT
THAT'S WHAT
HE WAS
TO US.

...WHEN IN REALITY, HE
WASN'T A NOBLE OR
KNIGHT EVEN, BUT A
COMMONER LIKE THE
REST OF US.



AND MOST
IMPORTANTLY,
LEADING US
WAS A YOUNG
MAN WHO COULD
STILL BE CALLED
A BOY IN HIS
INNOCENCE...



THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT
GRIFFITH
WAS.

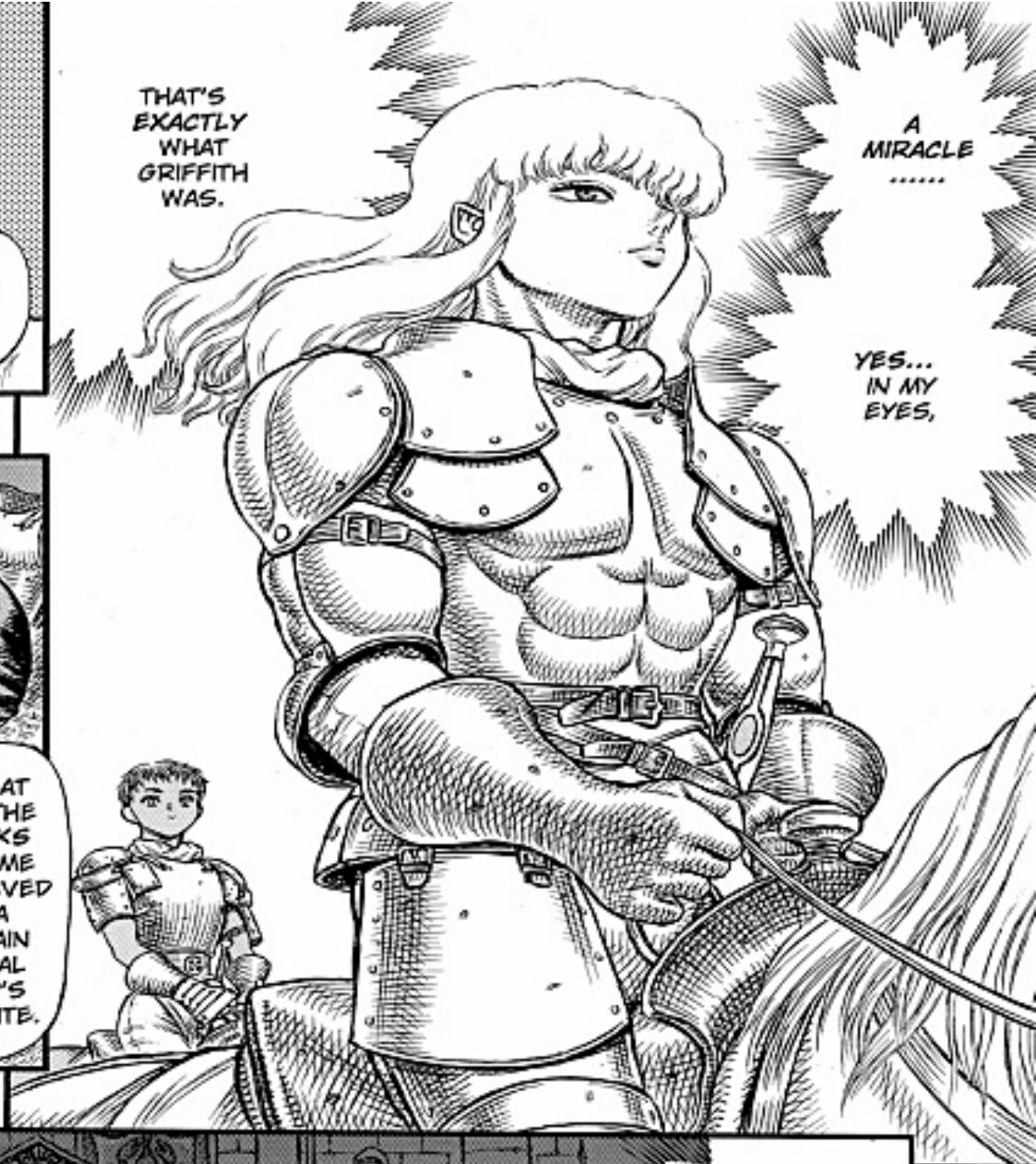
A
MIRACLE
.....

YES...
IN MY
EYES,

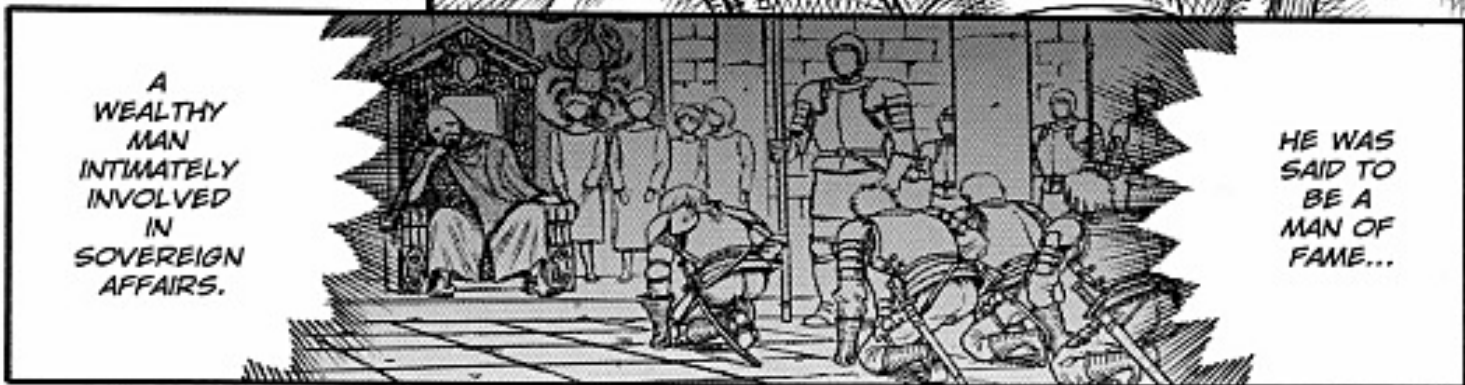
AFTER A WHILE,
I SOMEHOW
CARVED OUT A
LIFE AS A
SOLDIER.....



AT THAT
TIME THE
HAWKS
BECAME
INVOLVED
IN A
CERTAIN
FEUDAL
LORD'S
DISPUTE.



A
WEALTHY
MAN
INTIMATELY
INVOLVED
IN
SOVEREIGN
AFFAIRS.



HE WAS
SAID TO
BE A
MAN OF
FAME...

RATHER
HIS
SORDID
TASTES.



BUT
THE WORST
RUMORS
ABOUT
HIM DIDN'T
INVOLVE HIS
ASSETS,

IN TRUTH,
THEY WERE
IMPRISONED
WITHIN HIS
CASTLE AS
PLEASURE
SLAVES.

AS
ATTENDANTS
HE WOULD
EMPLOY
CHILDREN FROM
NEIGHBORING
VILLAGES...
NEARLY ALL
BOYS, WHO
MET HIS
TASTES...

I HAD
ALMOST
BECOME
LIKE
THAT
ONCE...

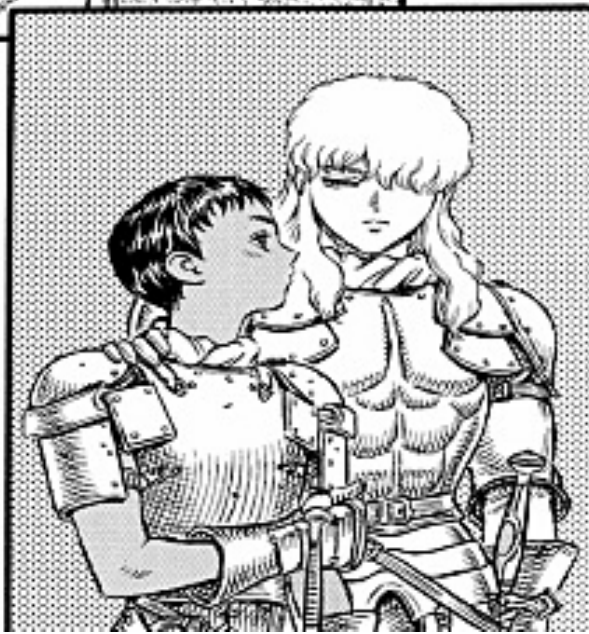
A
HEART-
RENDING
SENSE
OF
FEAR
AND
DISGUST.

...CHILDREN
WITH
EYES...
VACANT OF
ALL BUT
FEAR.

THEY
WOULD
BE AT
HIS
SIDE...

...BUT
TO BE
HONEST,
IT SENT
A CHILL
DOWN MY
SPINE.

I GUESS
THESE DAYS
THAT'S NOT
SUCH A
STRANGE
SIGHT...



...BY
PUTTING
HIS HAND
ON MY
SHOULDER...
JUST FROM
THAT, I
MYSTERIOUSLY
STOPPED
TREMBLING.

BUT
JUST
LIKE
THAT
TIME...

...FOLLOWING
SEVERAL
SKIRMISHES...

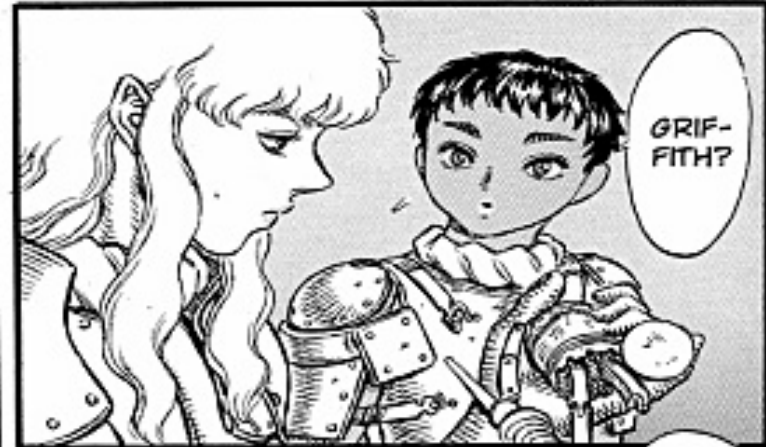
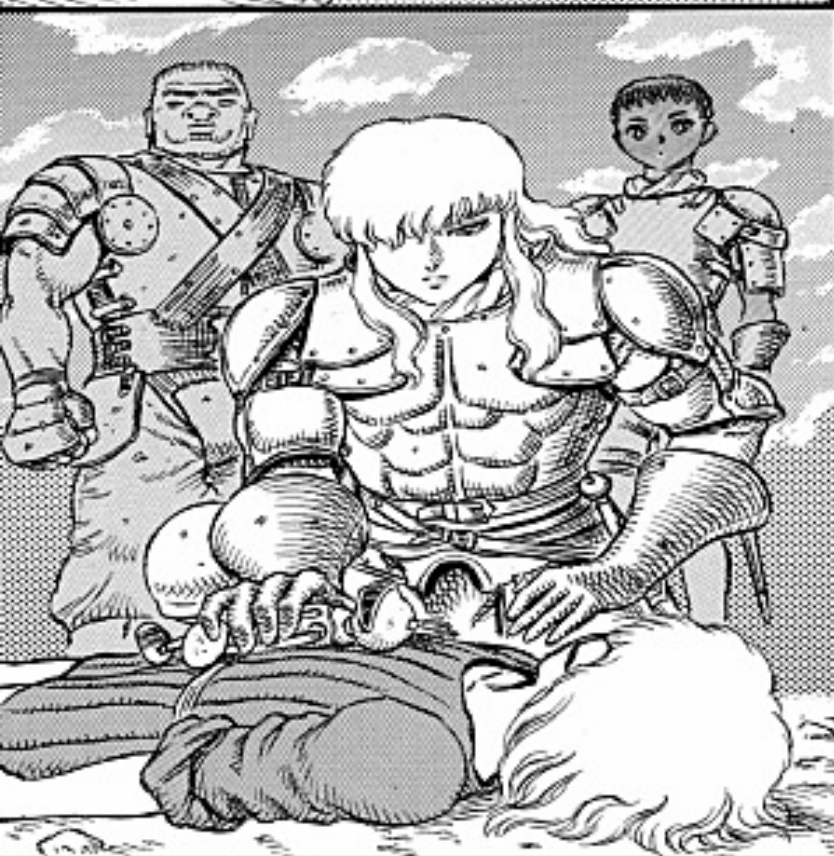
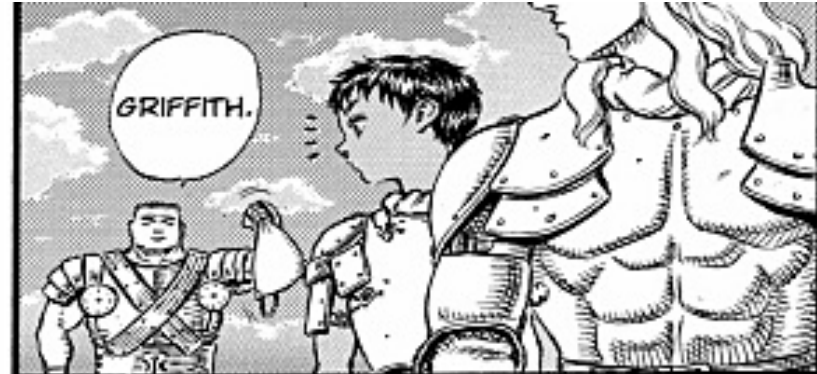
AFTER-
WARDS...

HE WAS
A BOY WHO
HAD JOINED
THE BAND OF
THE HAWK
HALF A YEAR
BEFORE THEN,
TO TRAIN
TO BE A
SOLDIER.

HE WAS ABOUT
TEN YEARS OLD,
AND I DON'T
KNOW HIS NAME.
HE DIDN'T REALLY
STAND OUT
ENOUGH TO
BE NOTICED.

THAT
IS...
NO
ONE
BUT
GRIFFITH...

THERE WAS NO ONE
TO RECOGNIZE THE
REMAINS OF THIS
NAMELESS
SOLDIER-IN-TRAINING
AMONG THE COUNTLESS
FALLEN.



...THE
HERO
OF
SOME
STORY.

HE'D
GAZE AT
ME AS
IF I
WERE...

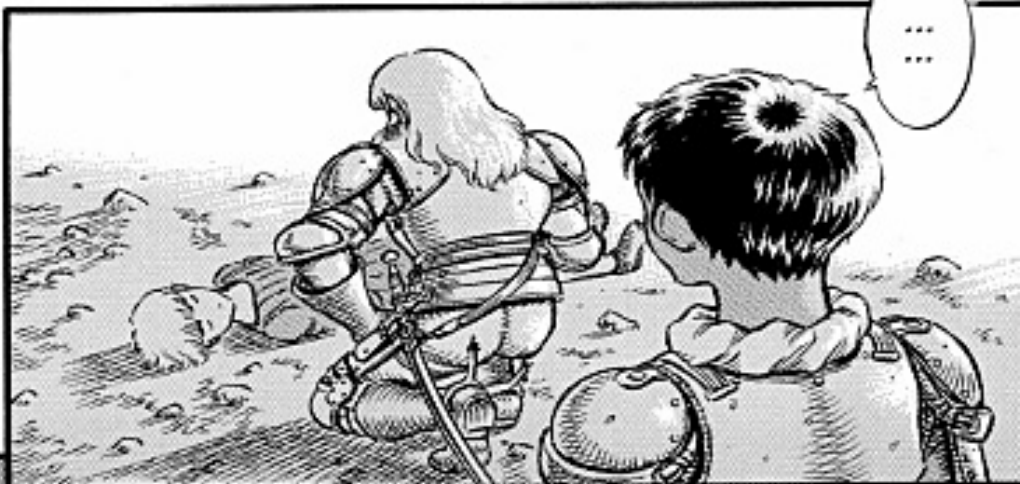
I
REMEMBER
HIM
WELL.



OR
WAS
DEATH...

...THE
END
OF
THE
DREAM?

WAS
IT
DESPAIR
...?

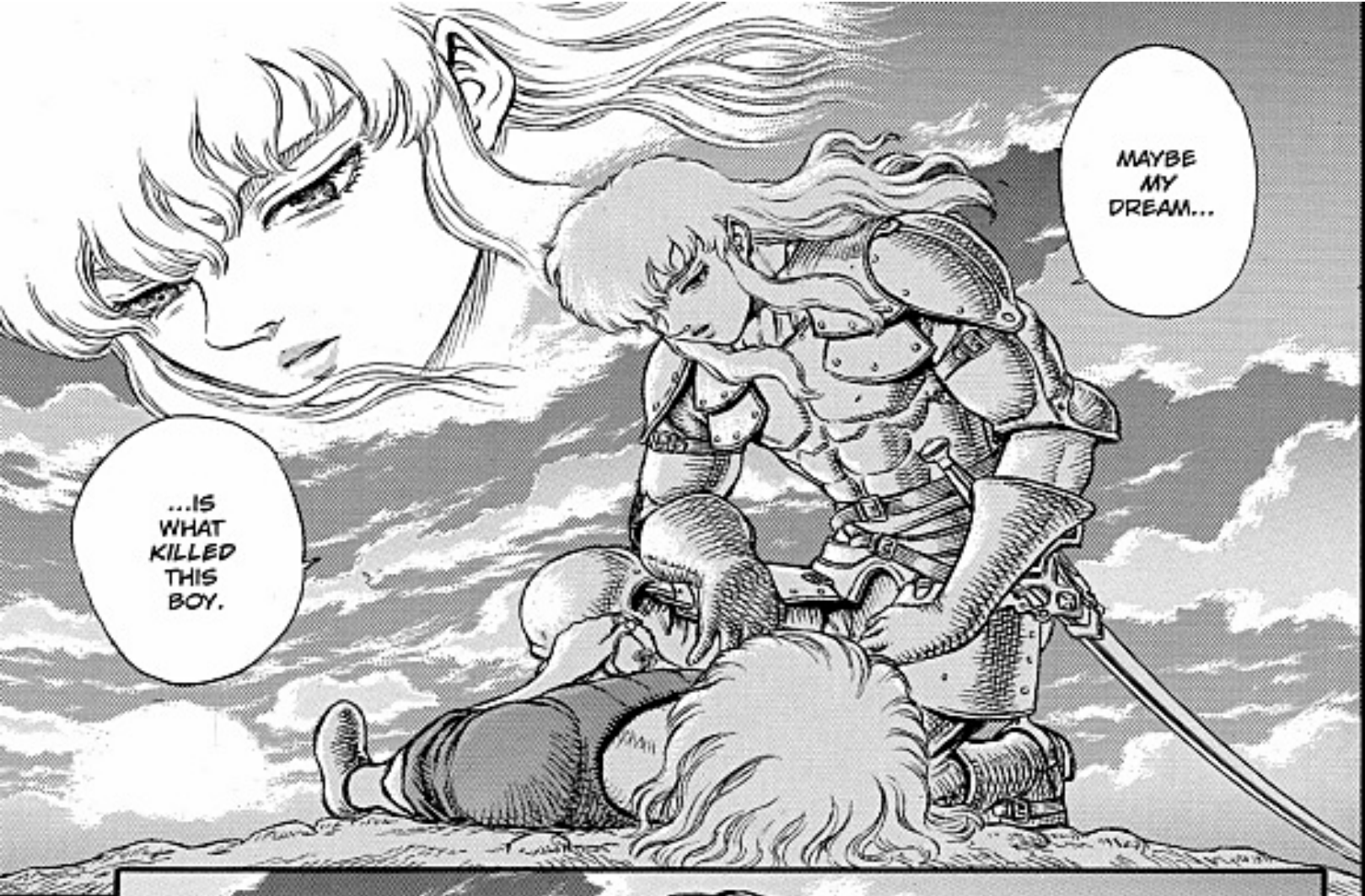


DREAM-
ING...

DID
HE DIE
ENCHANTED
BY HIS
DREAM?

I
WONDER
...

...IF
HE
WAS
HAPPY?



...IS
WHAT
KILLED
THIS
BOY.

MAYBE
MY
DREAM...



...THE
WORDS
TO
SPEAK.

I
COULDN'T
FIND...



...NEVER
SO
SOMBER.

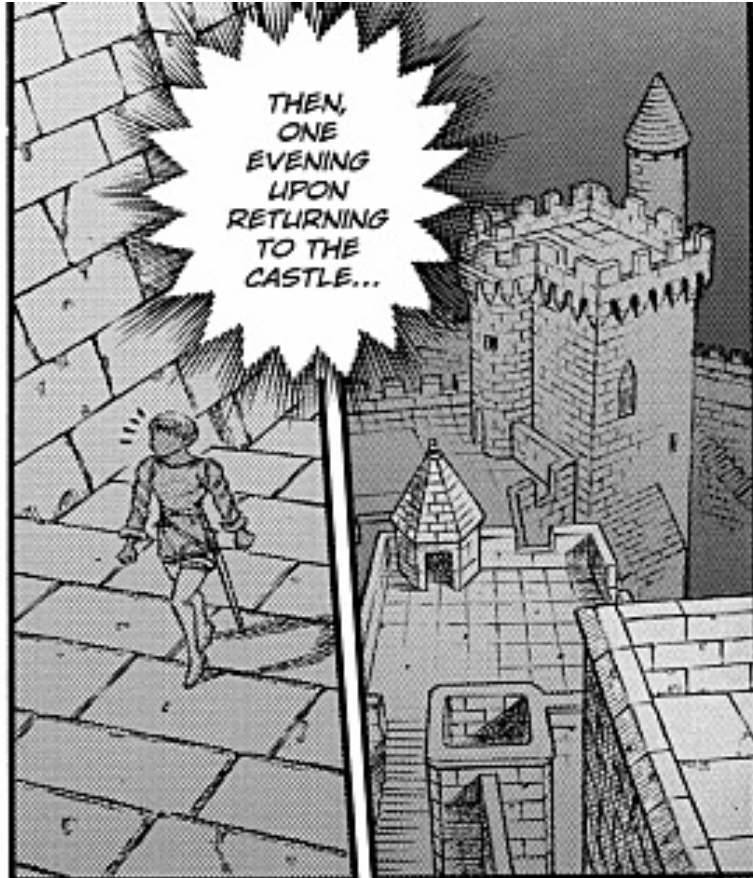
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SO...

I'D
NEVER
SEEN
GRIFFITH
LIKE
THAT
BEFORE.

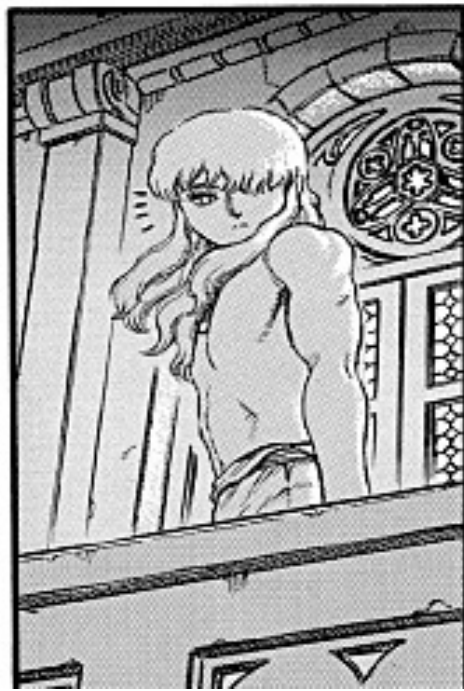
...
...

THEN,
ONE
EVENING
UPON
RETURNING
TO THE
CASTLE...

BUT...
EVER SINCE
THEN, I'VE
STARTED
VIEWING
GRIFFITH
DIFFERENTLY...

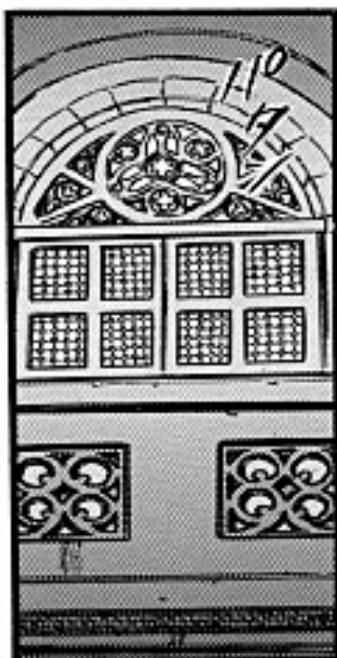
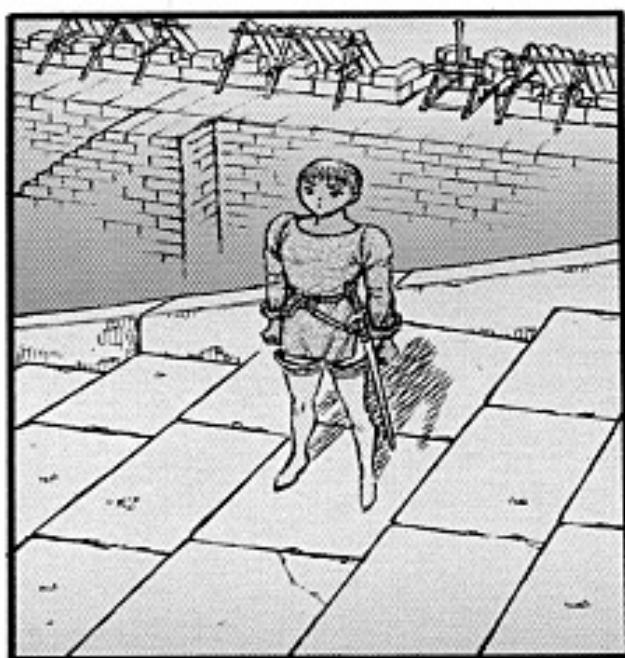
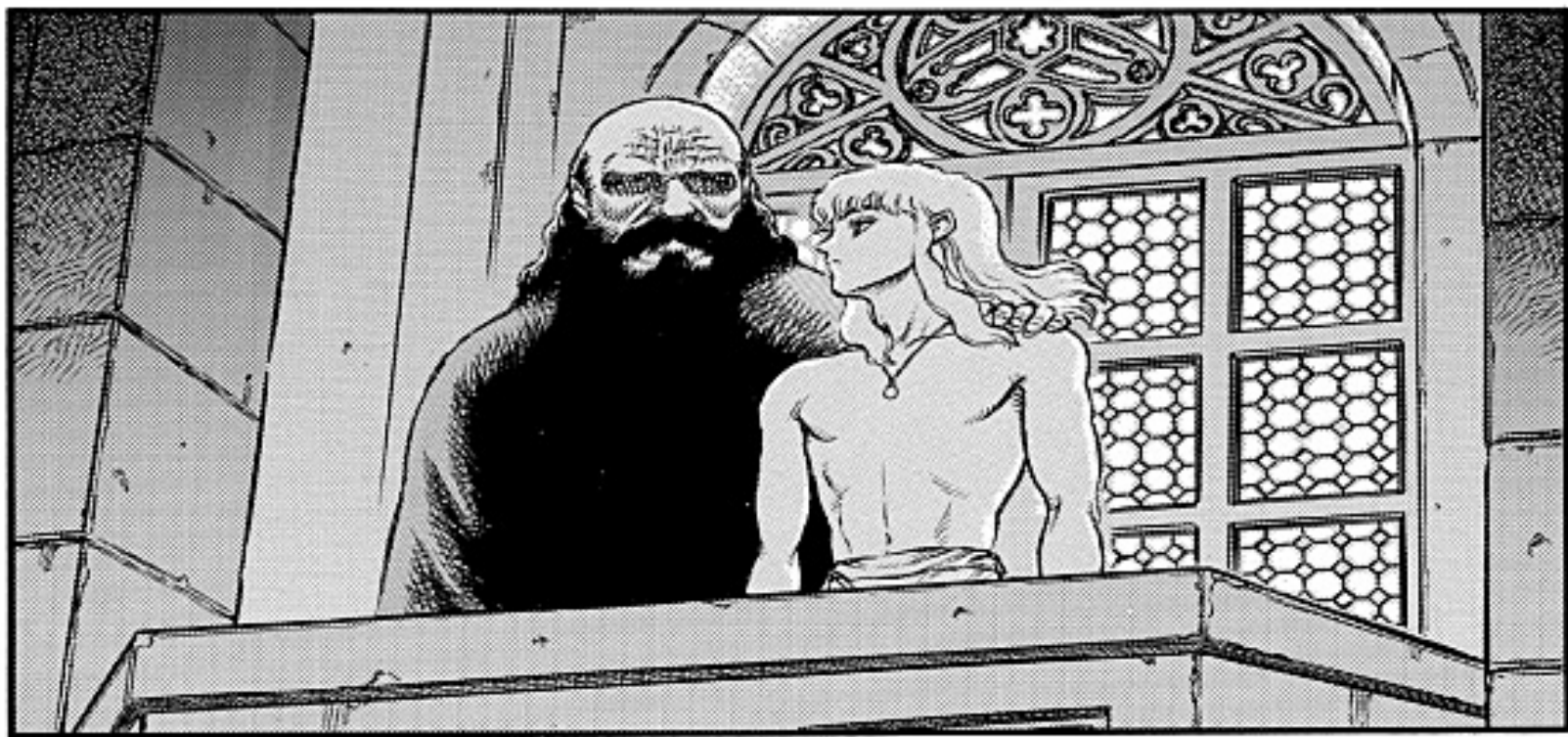


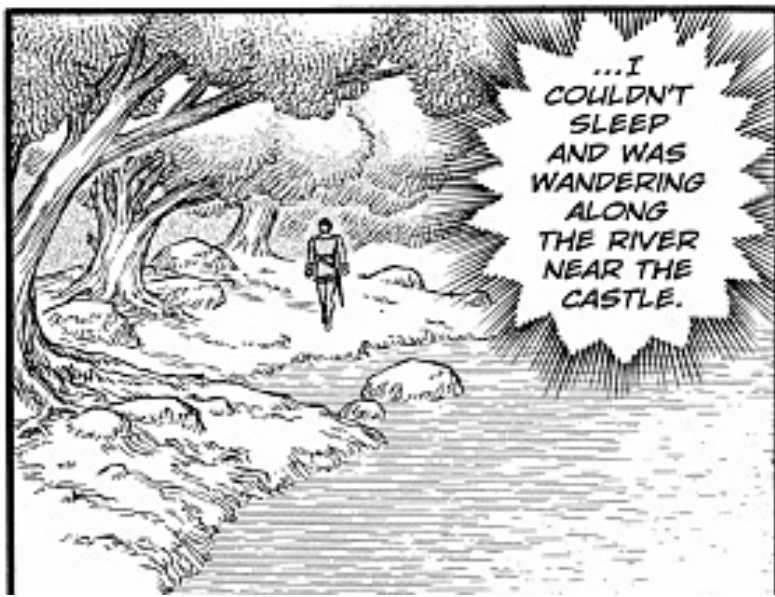
GRIFFI--

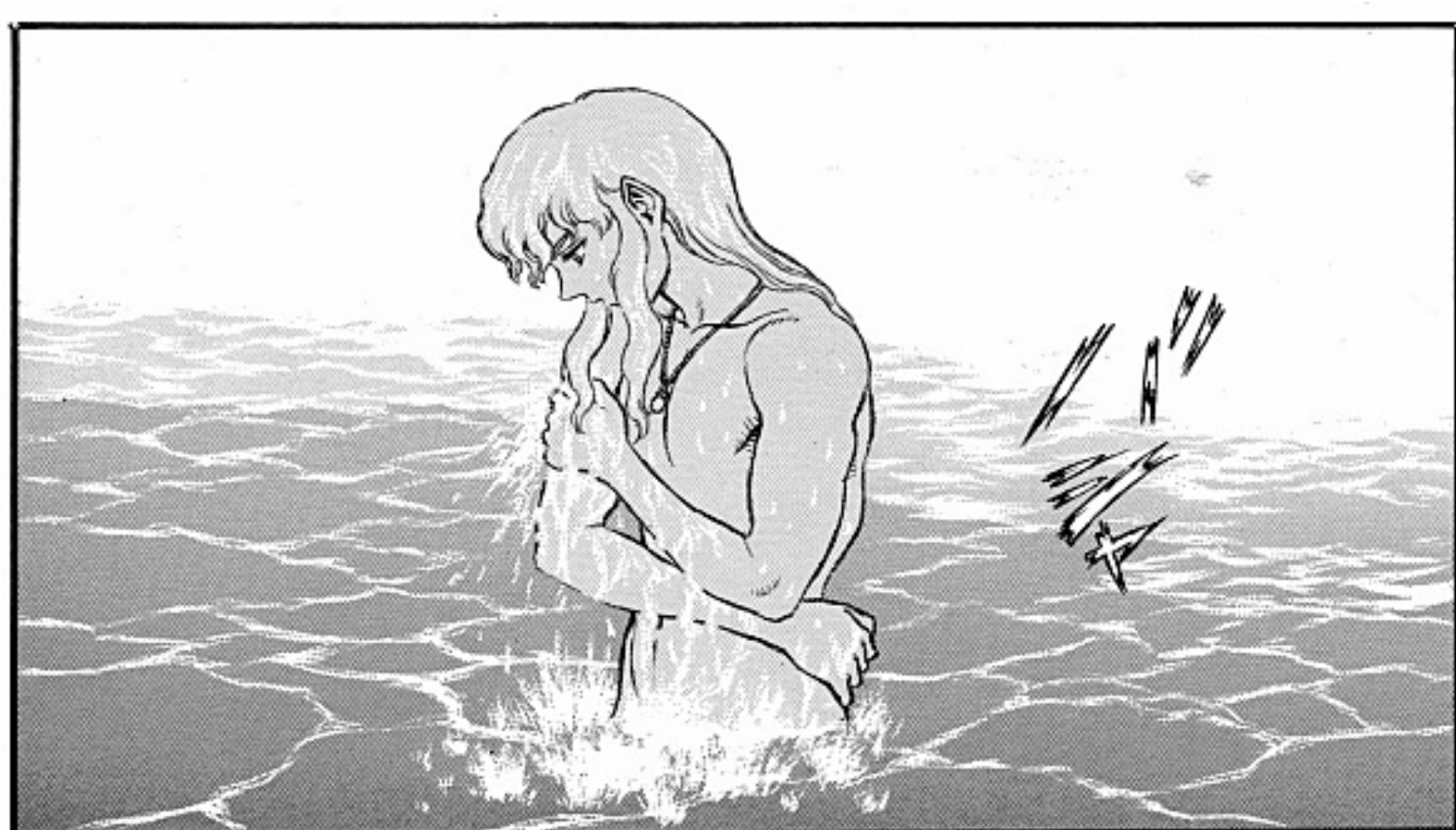


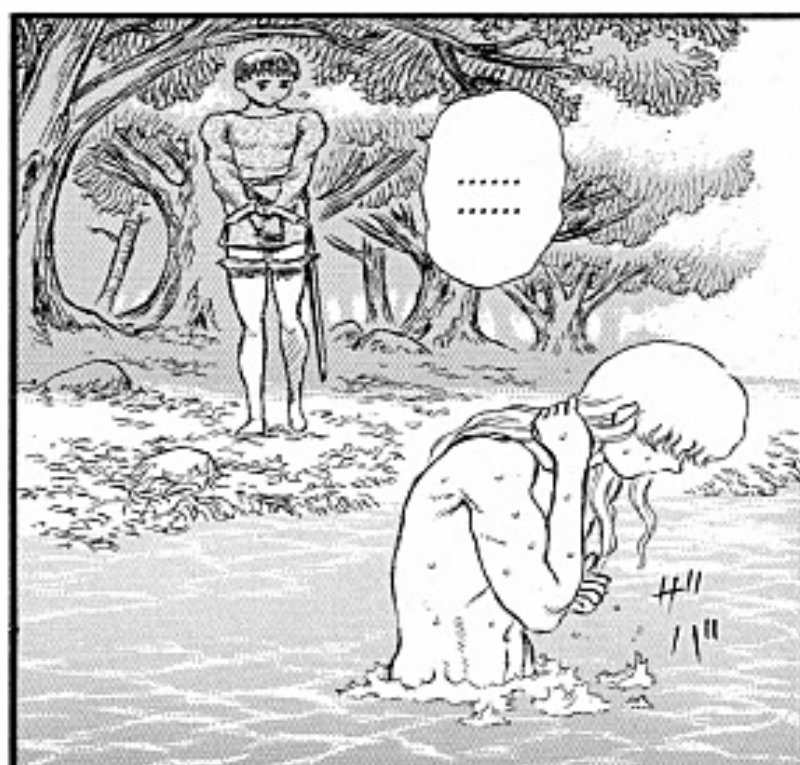
GRIFFITH
...?















MONEY.

AND THE
BAND OF
THE HAWK
WILL GROW
LARGER
AND
LARGER...
IT HAS TO.

FOR THAT
TOO WE
NEED A VAST
AMOUNT...
WAR FUNDS.



AN
ARMY
CONSUMES
SO
MUCH
MONEY
JUST
BEING.

MEN.
HORSES.
EQUIPMENT.
PROVISIONS.
NONE OF
IT IS
FREE.



HUH?



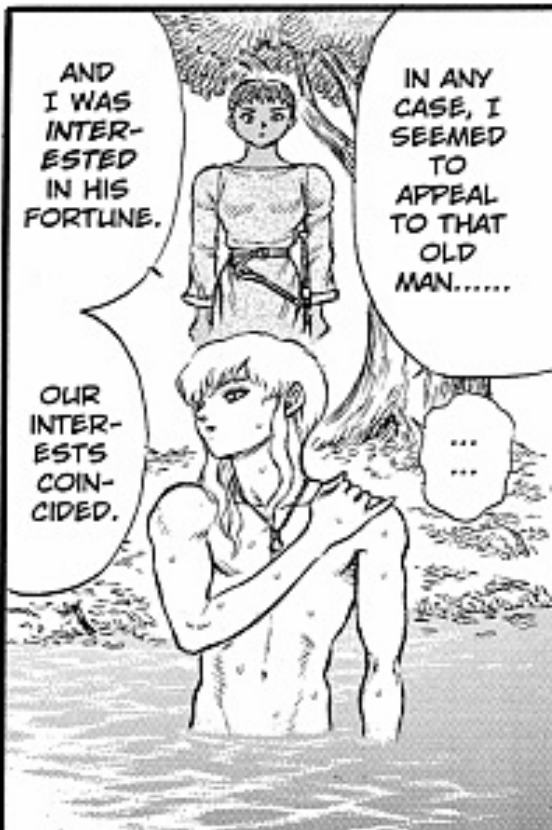
A-AREN'T WE DOING
WELL ENOUGH NOW?
AT THIS RATE, IF
WE CAN JUST KEEP
WINNING...

...WE'LL
EVENT-
UALLY
RAISE
ENOUGH...



YEAH,
BUT...

STILL
...!!



AND
I WAS
INTER-
ESTED
IN HIS
FORTUNE.

IN ANY
CASE, I
SEEMED
TO APPEAL
TO THAT
OLD
MAN.....

OUR
INTER-
ESTS
COIN-
CIDED.

...



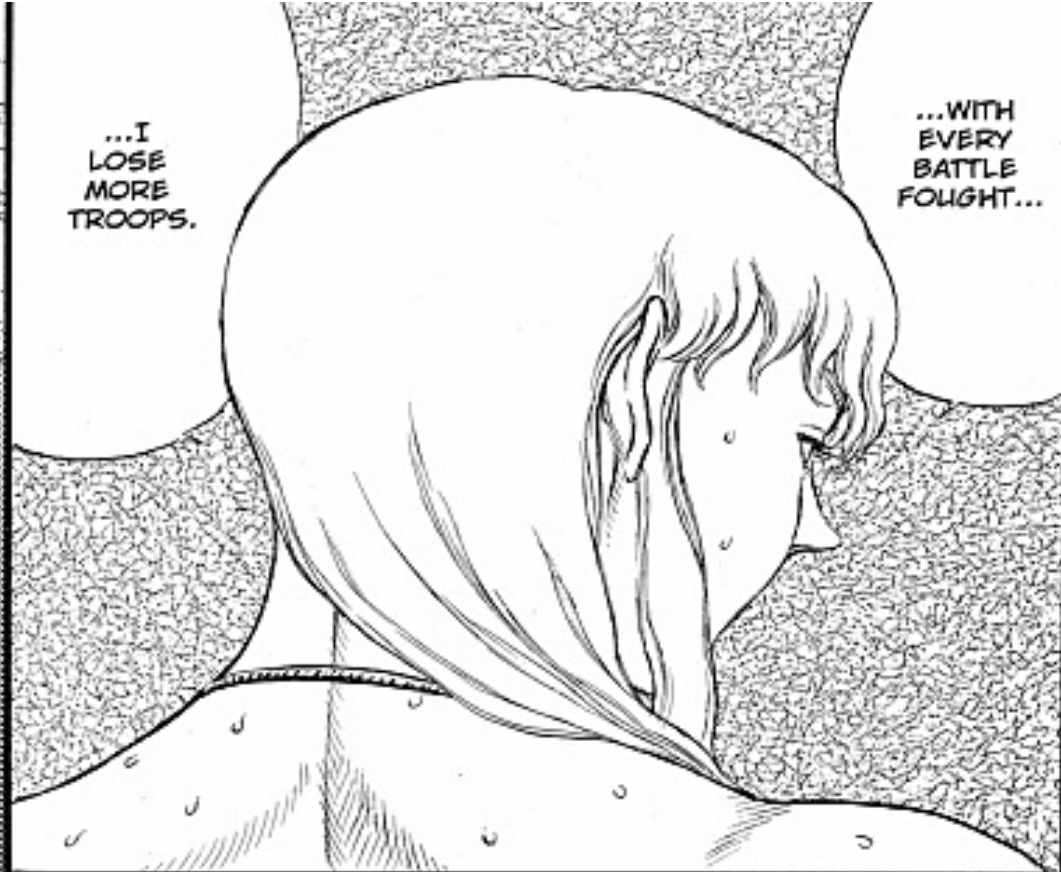
BESIDES
...

IT
WOULD
TAKE TOO
LONG.



...I
LOSE
MORE
TROOPS.

...WITH
EVERY
BATTLE
FOUGHT...



TO GO TO BATTLE
TEN TIMES AND LOSE
HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS
OR TO SEDUCE ONE
OLD MAN... WHICH IS
THE LESSER RISK?

I
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT
LOGICALLY.

IS
THIS
BECAUSE
OF
THAT
BOY?

GRIF-
FITH...



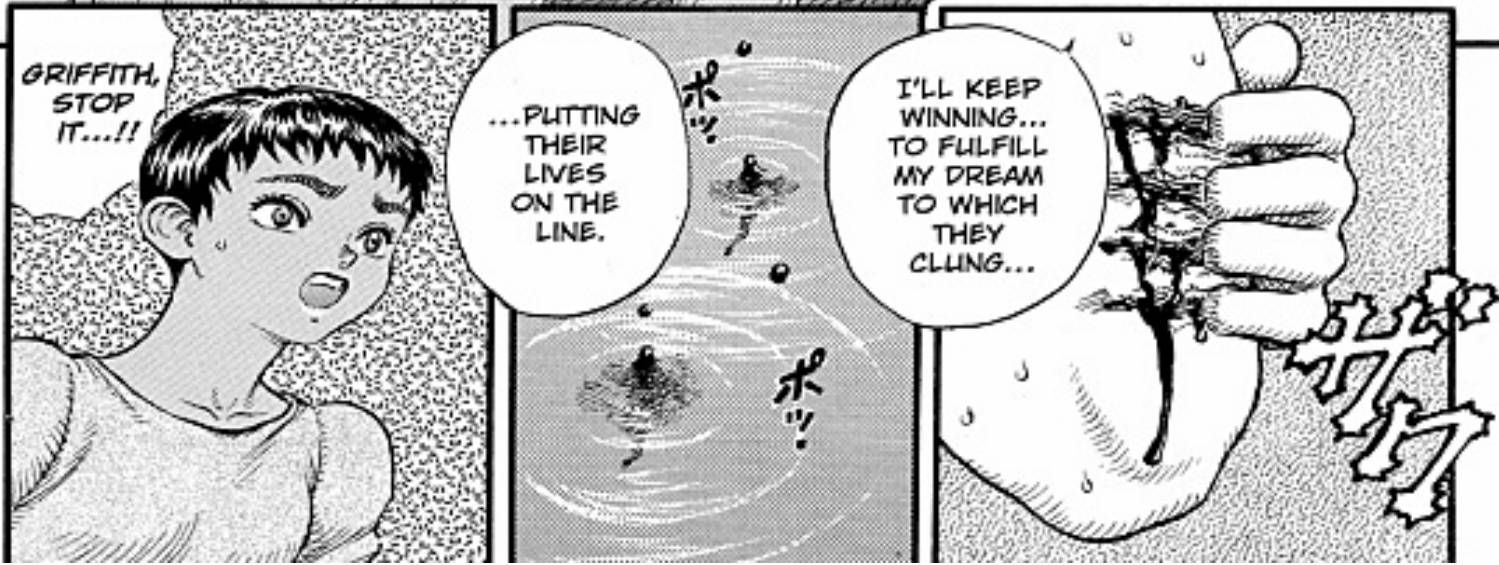
NO.



I DON'T
FEEL AT ALL
RESPONSIBLE
FOR MY
COMRADES
WHO'VE LOST
THEIR LIVES
UNDER MY
COMMAND...

CASCA.
LISTEN.







BUT...
FOR HUNDREDS,
THOUSANDS OF LIVES
TO HANG IN THE
BALANCE AND MYSELF
ALONE NOT TO
BE UNCLEAN...

MY DREAM
CAN ONLY BE
REALIZED BY
BUILDING
UPON THEIR
CORPSES.

IT'S A
BLOOD-
SMEARED
DREAM
AFTER
ALL.

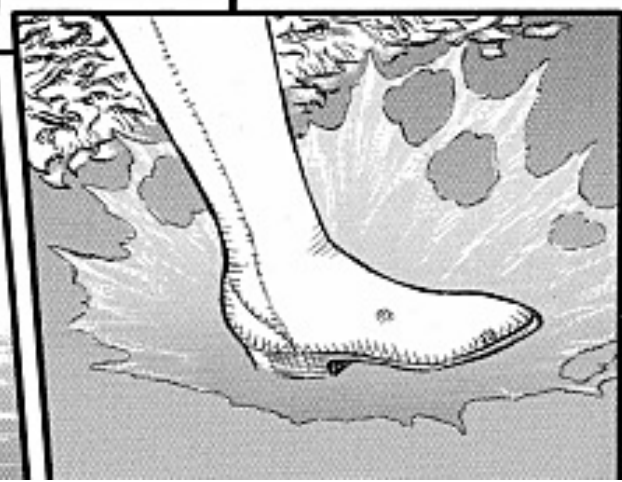
WHAT
I WANT...
WON'T ENTER
MY GRASP SO
EASILY AS
THAT.



STOP.

I HAVE
NEITHER
REGRET
NOR
REMORSE
ABOUT
THAT.

BUT...





IT'S
NOTHING.



JUST
THEN, THAT
FILLED
ME WITH
SADNESS...



THE GRIFFITH
WHO TURNED
AROUND TO PUT
HIS HAND ON MY
SHOULDER WAS THE
SAME GRIFFITH
AS EVER ONCE
MORE.

...THAT MOST
PEOPLE
ABANDONED
LONG AGO AS
A CHILDISH
YEARNING.

GRIFFITH
PERSISTS IN
TRYING TO
REALIZE A
KIND OF
DREAM...

...THE
DREAM HE'S
CHASING IS SO
GENUINE AND
EXTRAORDINARY...

BUT...

...THAT
THE
BURDEN
MUST BE
IMMEASUR-
ABLE.

...SOMETHING
GRAND
ENDURES
THAT MUCH
MORE THAN
OTHER
PEOPLE.

BUT...

...I THINK
THAT
SOMEONE
WHO
WANTS TO
ACCOMPLISH...

A STRONG
PERSON...IT'S
SIMPLE JUST
TO SUM IT
UP WITH THOSE
WORDS.

GRIFFITH...

...HAS TO
MAKE
HIMSELF
STRONG.

IT'S
NOT
THAT
HE IS
STRONG...

A black and white manga panel showing a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a detailed plate armor. She is looking back over her right shoulder towards the viewer. The background is a cloudy sky.

IF HE'S
GOING TO
SACRIFICE
EVERYTHING
FOR HIS
DREAM...

...IF HIS
DREAM IS
TO FIGHT
AND CUT
AWAY HIS
OWN
PATH...

A black and white manga panel showing a woman with short dark hair, wearing a dark, sleeveless dress. She is sitting on the ground in a rocky, outdoor setting, looking off to the side.

...
...

A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a man's face. He has short dark hair and is looking slightly upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression.

I
WANT...

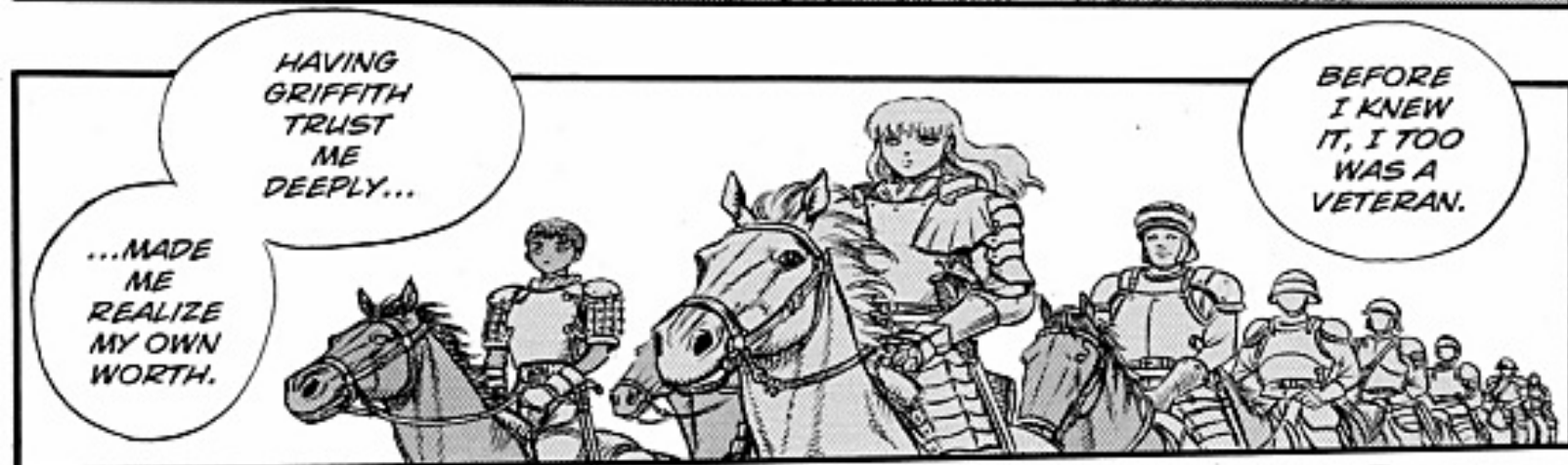
...TO
BE
BY
HIS
SIDE.

A large black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a man's face. He has short dark hair and is looking down with a serious expression. He is wearing a dark, textured garment.

...TO
BE
HIS
SWORD.

...THEN
I
WANT...







...UNTIL
THAT
DAY.

THE
DAY
YOU
SHOWED
UP...

ALTEA

決死行(1)

**PREPARED FOR DEATH
CHAPTER 1**



YOU GOT
GRIFFITH TO
SAY THAT TO
YOU SO
EASILY...

I
ENVIED
YOU.

YOU
KNOW...

...I
COULDN'T
STAND
IT.

...
...



IT'S
AS
IF...

BUT
GRIFFITH,
SO CALM
AND
COMPOSED...

...ALWAYS
GETS
IMPULSIVE
WHEN IT
COMES TO
YOU!!

...JUST
FOR
YOUR
STRENGTH.

BUT
...

EVEN
SO...

...I
TRIED TO
CONVINCE
MYSELF
THAT
GRIFFITH
WANTED
YOU...

...?

AS
IF...



GRIFFITH
RELIES
ON YOU,
YOU
KNOW?



YOU
JUST RUN
OFF, NOT
THINK-
ING OF
CONSE-
QUENCES
...

AND
YET
YOU'RE
SEL-
FISH...

TOHNO

IS THAT
SELFISHNESS
OF
YOURS!



THE FACT
THAT
YOU'VE
ALMOST
GOTTEN
GRIFFITH
KILLED!!

WHAT
I
CAN'T
FORGIVE...



...!!

UH...
HUH?

BUT
THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK...

I
WON'T LET
YOU TAKE
GRIFFITH'S
DREAM
DOWN
WITH
YOU!!

I DON'T
CARE IF
YOU GET
YOURSELF
KILLED ON
SOME
BATTLE-
FIELD!!

AND I
CAN'T
FORGIVE
YOU...

...WHO
CHANGED
GRIFFITH
THAT
WAY.

YOU'RE
THE
ONE...

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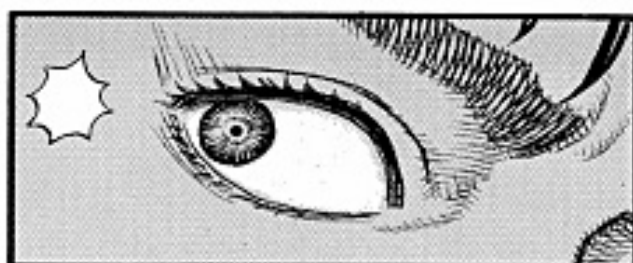
WHY...

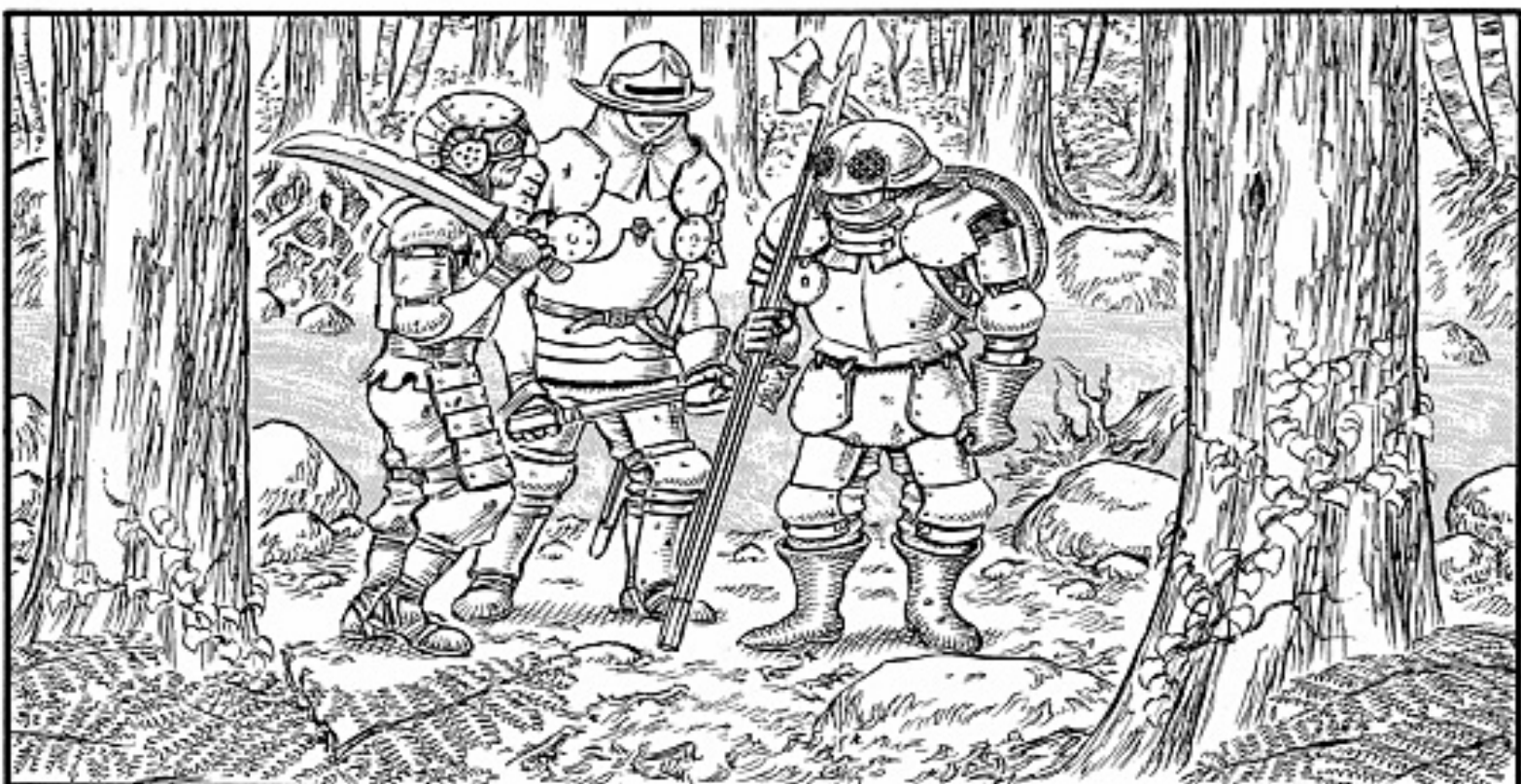
WHY
IS
IT...

WHY...

WHY
DOES
IT
HAVE
TO BE
YOU.....







SIR ADON
SWORE HE'D
PAY THE
BOUNTY
WHETHER
THEY'RE
DEAD OR
ALIVE.

AND HEY,
AFTER ALL,
THEY'RE THE
BAND OF THE
HAWK'S CAPTAIN
AND WOMAN
COMMANDER.



NO
DOUBT,
MAN.

HEY,
YOU
SURE
THIS
IS IT?

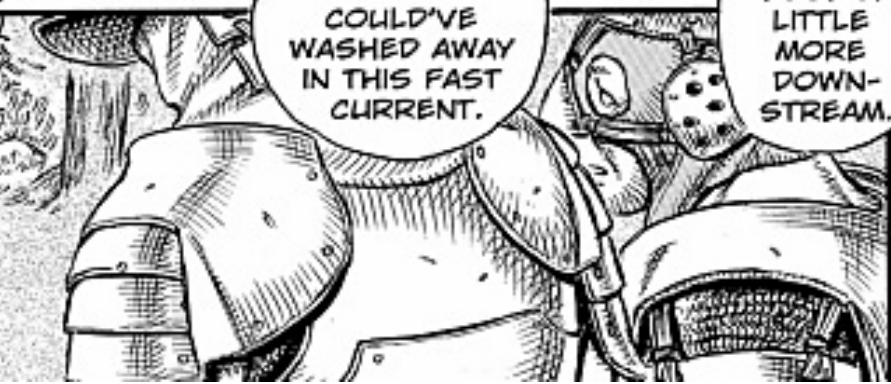


BUT C'MON, AIN'T
THEY DEAD BY NOW?
THEY FELL OFF
THAT CLIFF.

DOOOESN'T
MATTER.

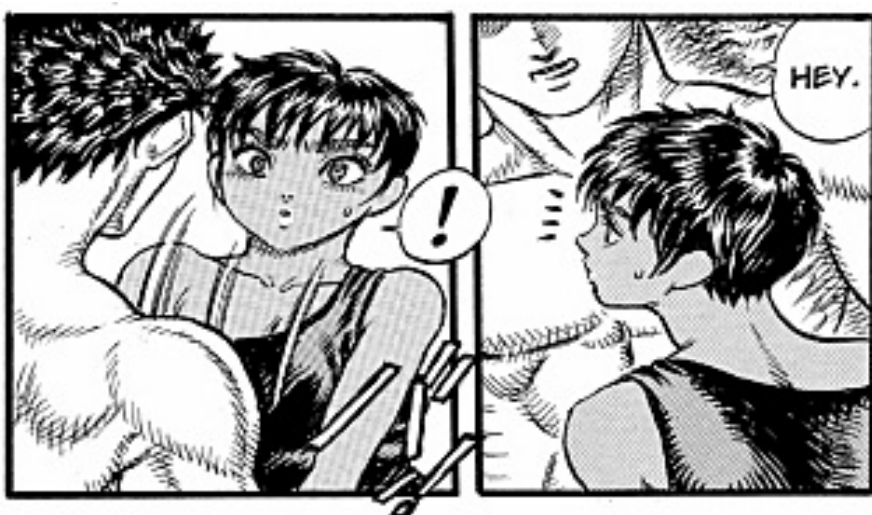


IF
WE DON'T
MOVE, SOME
OTHERS'LL
BEAT US
TO IT.



THE BODIES
COULD'VE
WASHED AWAY
IN THIS FAST
CURRENT.

LET'S
LOOK A
LITTLE
MORE
DOWN-
STREAM.







WHAT THE HELL!!

WOMEN ARE SUCH ROYAL PAINS!



BATTLE, THAT IS.

I GUESS THEY JUST AIN'T CUT OUT FOR IT.

....!!

AND PERIODS TO TOP IT OFF. JUST LOOK AT YA.

NO PHYSICAL STRENGTH! THINGS GO TO THEIR HEADS SO DAMN FAST!



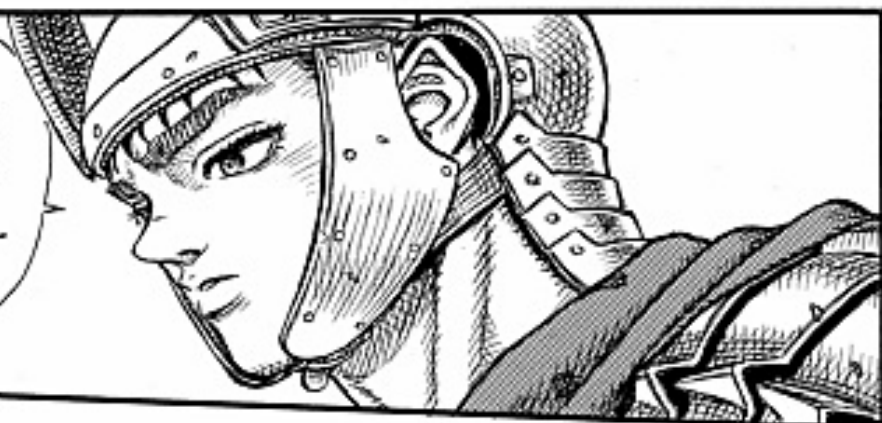
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!

WHAT WOULD I KNOW? I'M A MAN.



THERE'S NO
WAY YOU'RE
GONNA SIT
HERE LIKE
THIS FOREVER
BECAUSE
OF YOUR
WOMAN'S
PROBLEM.

WHAT
I DO
KNOW
IS THIS--



THEY
MIGHT
ACTUALLY
LIKE IT,
Y'KNOW?

IT DOESN'T
MATTER TO
THE ENEMY
IF YOU'RE A
WOMAN OR
WHATEVER.



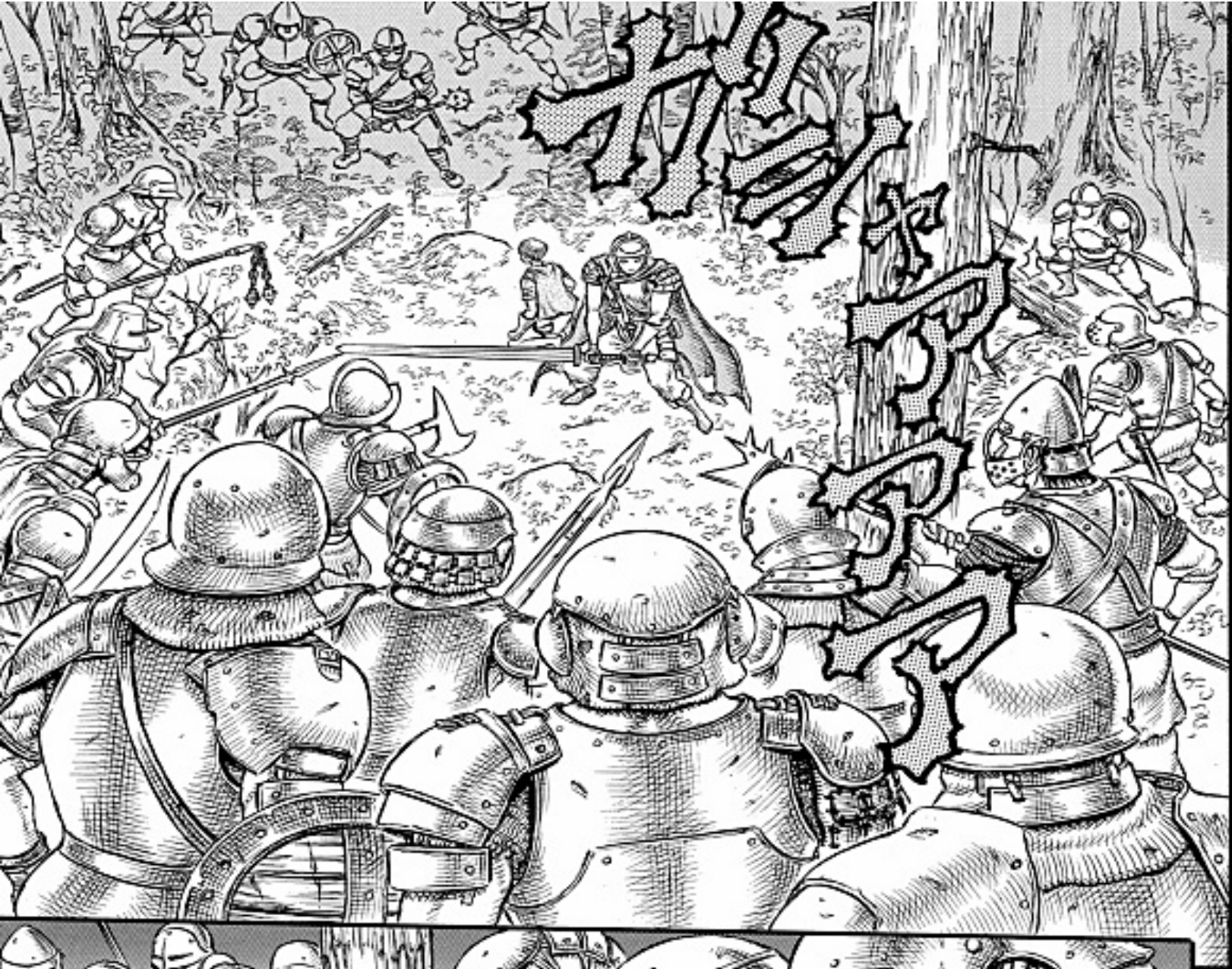
LET'S
GO!



HN
...!!







SWARMS
OF 'EM!
WHERE'D
THEY ALL
COME
FROM?



YO!

LOOKIN' LIVELY YOURSELF, PAL!

YO!

LOOKIN' LIVELY YOURSELF, PAL!

YOU MAKE ME
HAPPY, BOY!!!

SO,
YOU'RE
ALIVE!!
HAH
HAHHH!

YOU MAKE ME
HAPPY, BOY!!!

SO,
YOU'RE
ALIVE!!
HAH
HAHHH!

LUCK OR NOT,
I'M THROUGH
BEING GIVEN
A HARD TIME BY A
LOWLIFE LOU
LIKE YOU!!

IMPLICATION

AS A PROUD
KNIGHT OF
CHUDER, IT
ANNOYS ME
TO NO END!!

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ANNOYS ME
TO NO END!!



IF YOU
SURRENDER
QUIETLY,
VERY WELL!!
IF YOU DEFY ME,
I'LL CHOP OFF AN
ARM OR TWO!!

JUST
SO LONG
AS YOU
SURVIVE!!



...I'LL PERSONALLY ADMINISTER
THE TORTURE TECHNIQUE
PASSED DOWN THROUGH
MY COBORLWITZ FAMILY
FOR TWO HUNDRED YEARS!
YOU'LL GET YOUR FILL OF
HELL ON EARTH WITH THE
"HUNDRED-YEAR
CONVULSIVE DEATH."

I WON'T JUST
KILL YOU, EITHER.
ONCE YOU'RE
MY PRISONER...

OVER-
KILL...



WELL,
SAME
TO YA.

YOU
SURE
HOLD A
GRUDGE.

THE
HELL'S
THAT?



...SHE'LL
BE A
TOY FOR
MY MEN
HERE.

AS
FOR
THE
WOMAN...



SHE'S
A
NIGHT-
MARE.

MAYBE
YOU'D
BETTER
RETHINK
THAT
ONE...



.....
.....



**TAKE
THEM!!!**



YOU
DARE
PRO-
VOKE
ME...?!

HNN
...!!



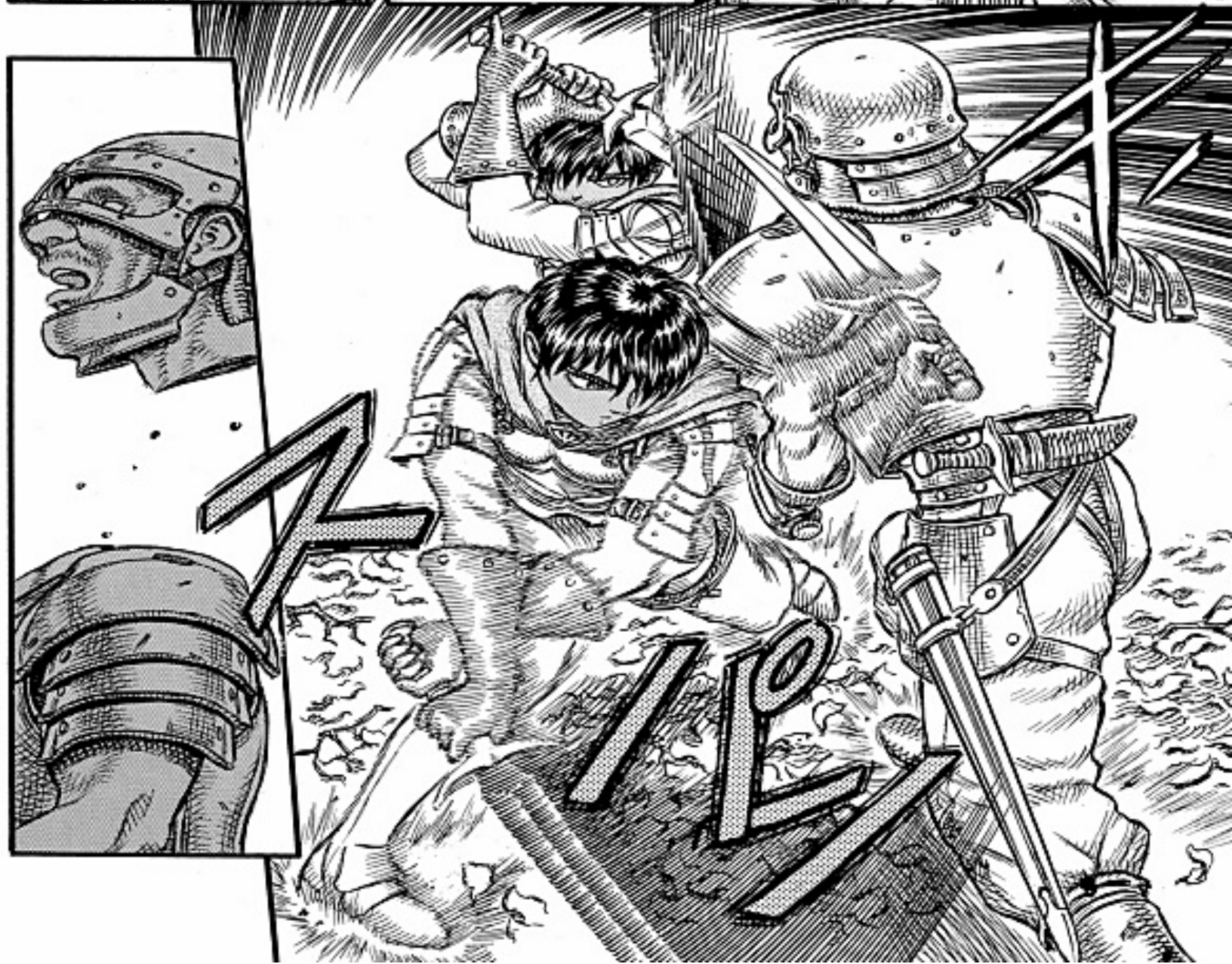
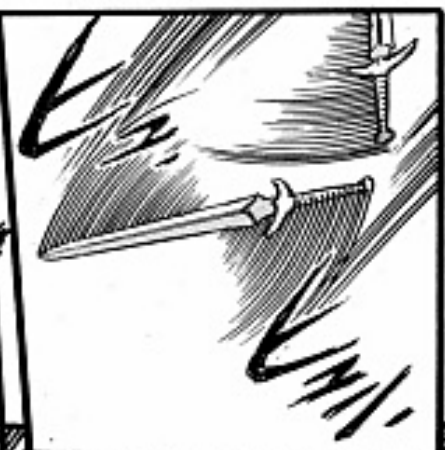
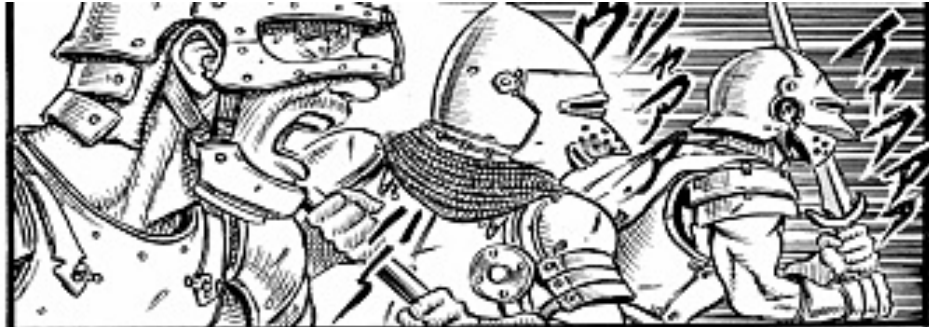
SHE'LL
BITE
IT
RIGHT
OFF...



BET
SHE
WOULD.









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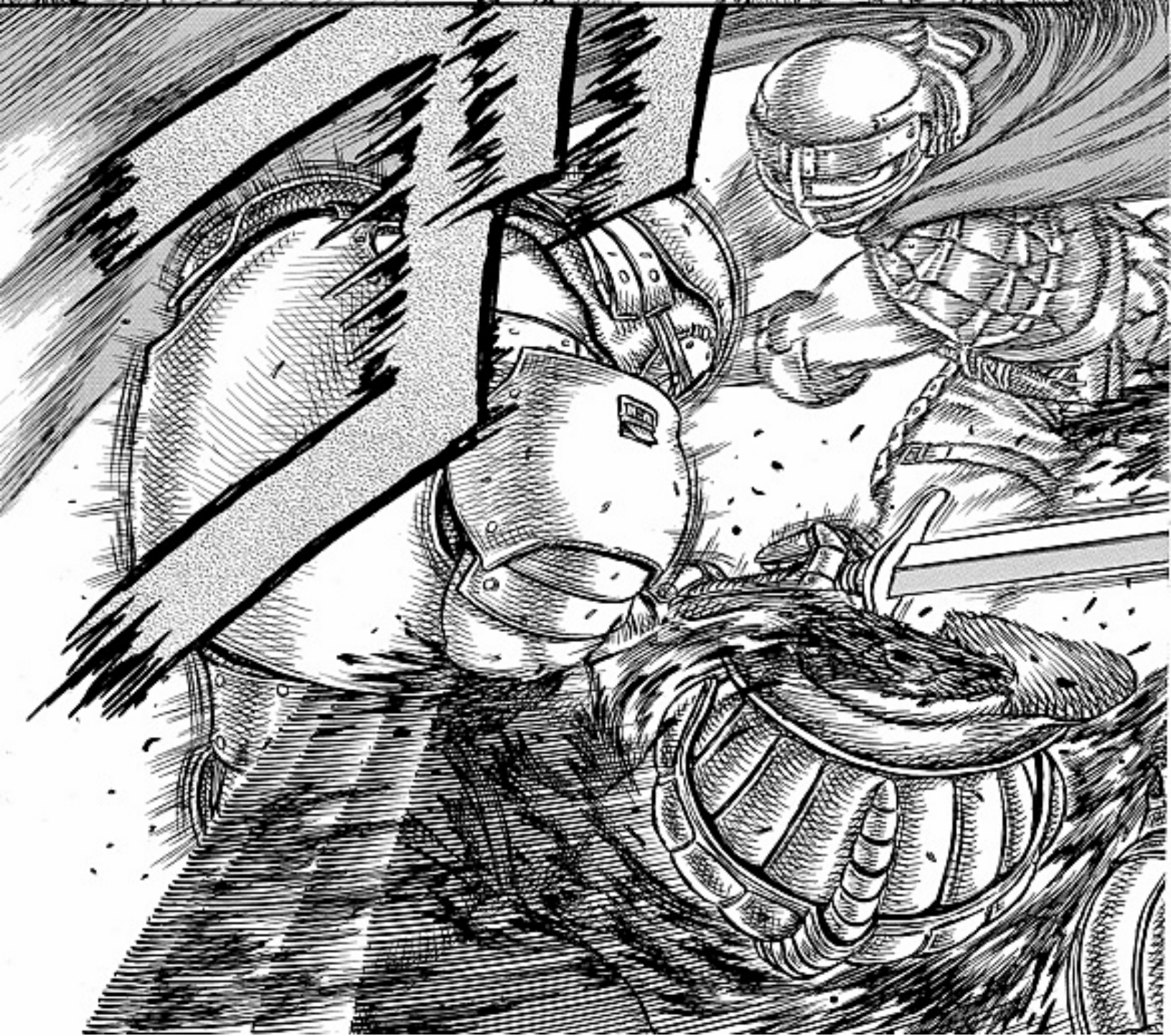




ALPHA

決死行(2)

PREPARED FOR DEATH, CHAPTER 2

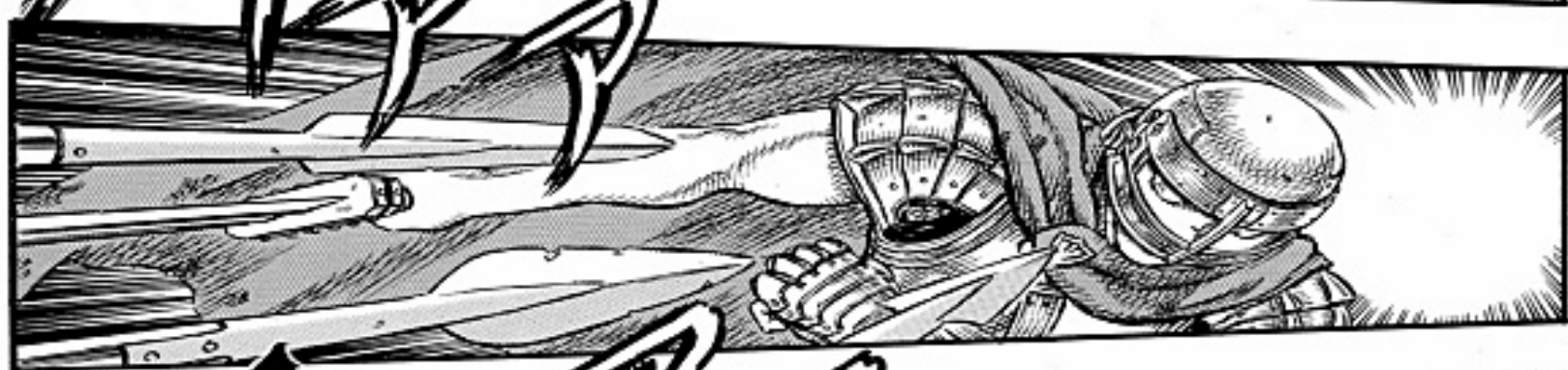
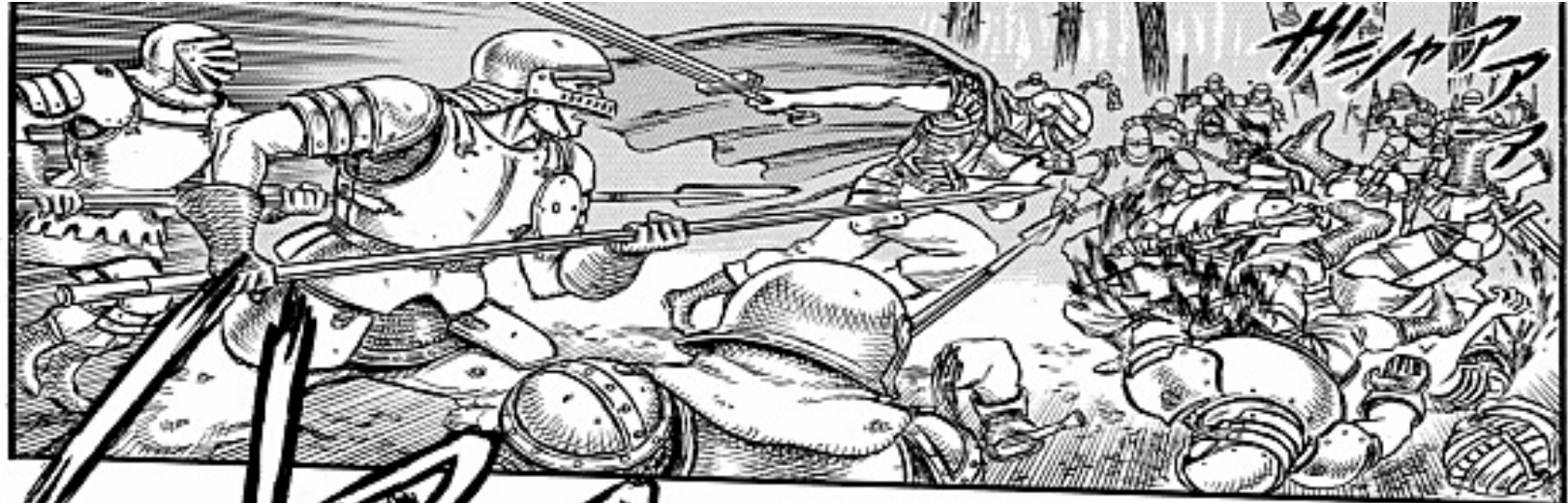


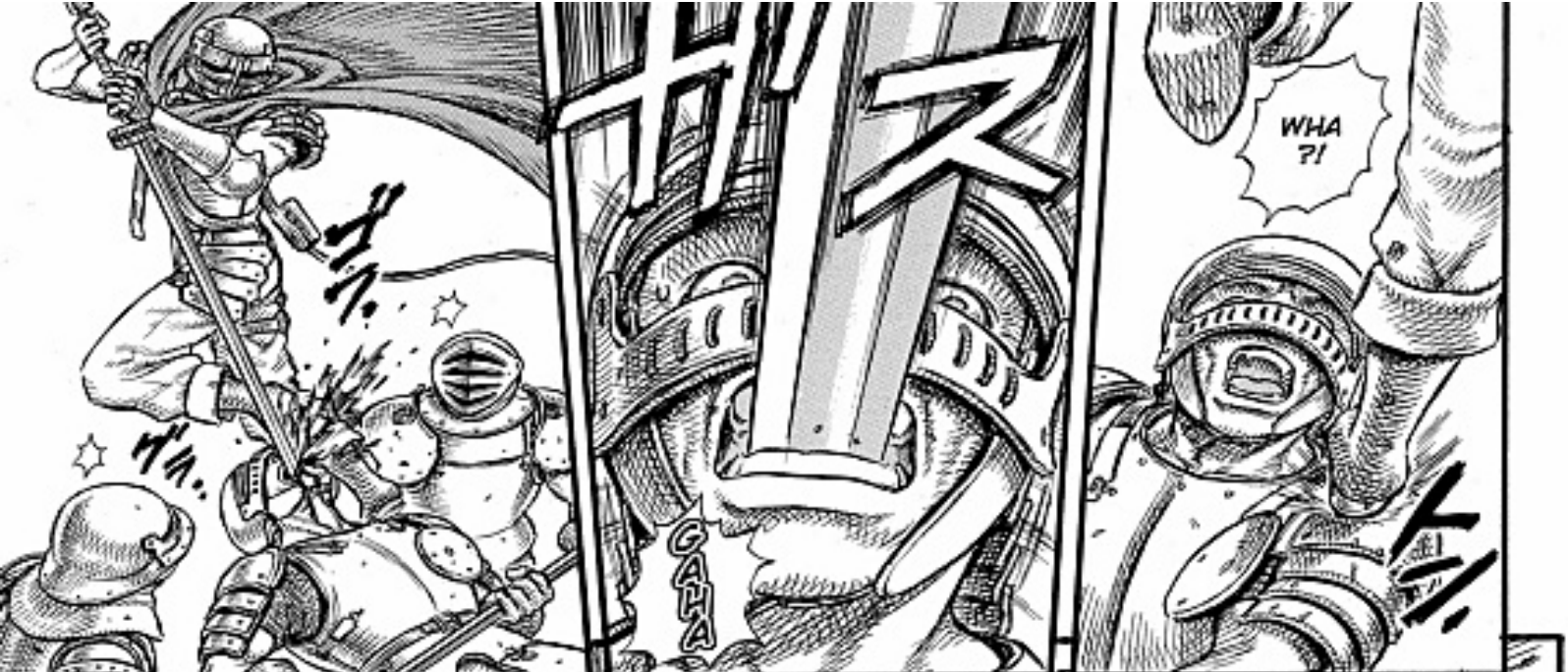


ARGHHH!!
DON'T
FALTER!!

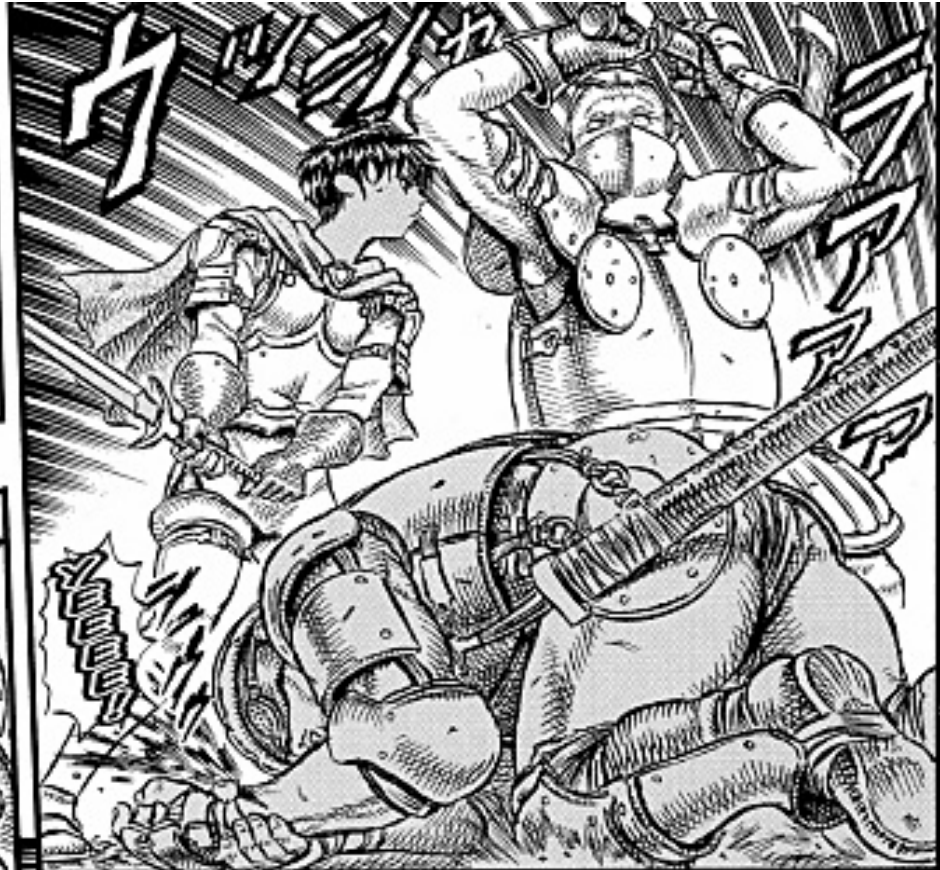
THERE'S
TWO
OF THEM!!
MORE THAN
TWO OF YOU
ATTACK AT
ONCE!!













BSHHHHH

HNNN!

WORTH-
LESS,
EVERY LAST
ONE OF
THEM!!

SAAAM-
SON!!

SAM-
SON
...

YAHHH
BRO!!

ドッ

SECOND IN
COMMAND OF
THE BLUE WHALE
ULTRA HEAVY
ARMORED FIERCE
ASSAULT
ANNIHILATION
KNIGHT
CORPS--
SAMSON!!

THE THICKNESS OF
SAMSON'S ARMOR
IS THREE TIMES
ORDINARY PLATE!
EVEN IF HE WERE
BURIED IN A
ROCKSLIDE, IT
WOULDN'T EVEN
BE DENTED!

AND HIS IRON
BALL CAN SMASH A
WATER BUFFALO'S
SKULL WITH ONE
STRIKE!! ALL
THAT'D BE LEFT
OF A HUMAN ARE
CHUNKS OF FLESH!!

HE'S MY
LITTLE
BROTHER,
AND IN OUR
CORPS, HE'S
A WARRIOR
SECOND
ONLY TO
MYSELF!!



OLDDA
DA
WAYYYY!!

ORAH

SHOW
NO
MERCY!!

GO!!

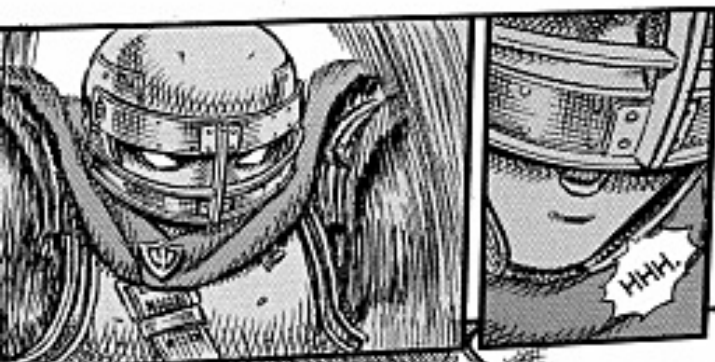
BUT
SHOW
THEM
OUR
COBORL-
WITZ
PRIDE!!



BUT I CAN'T
DODGE
THAT BALL
IN MY
CONDITION!!
WHAT
NOW?!

WHAT
FREAKISH
STRENGTH
...!!
A DIRECT
HIT FROM
THAT
WOULD
SHATTER
A SWORD!!









HE'S
STOPPING
ALL OF
SAMSON'S
STRIKES?!

R-
RIDICULOUS!!

WITH HIS
SKILLS, IT
SHOULD BE
POSSIBLE FOR
GUTS TO DODGE
AND COUNTER-
ATTACK.

NO.

THEY'RE
SO
FAST...

AH...
AHAH!!

THERE'S
NO NEED
FOR HIM TO
DAMAGE
HIS SWORD
TAKING THIS
HEAD ON.

HE
HASN'T
GOT
TIME
TO
DODGE!!

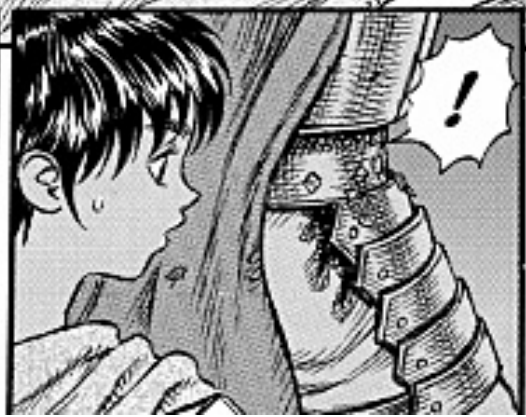


...MY
FAULT?

IS
IT...



HE'S
WOUNDED...?!



HLH
...?!

LOOKS LIKE THE
ARROW WOUND
YOU GOT
PROTECTING THE
WOMAN...

CHATTER...

...HASN'T
QUITE
HEALED YET
HAS IT?!

OO...

EYAH?

HEY.

I'LL
BUY
YOU A
CHANCE.

HIGHTAIL
IT
THROUGH
THE
FOREST.

BUT...

B...

BUT
THEN...

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?!
HE'S WOUNDED!!
GO ON AND
SETTLE THIS!!





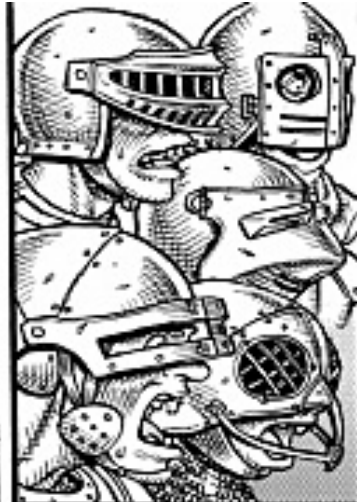
EGH?!

F...

FAS...

BOOM!





...RUN
OFF
ALONE!!

I
CAN'T
JUST...

RUN,
FOOL!!

WHAT'RE
YOU
DOIN'?!
!!

N-NO
...

I
CAN'T
DO
THAT...

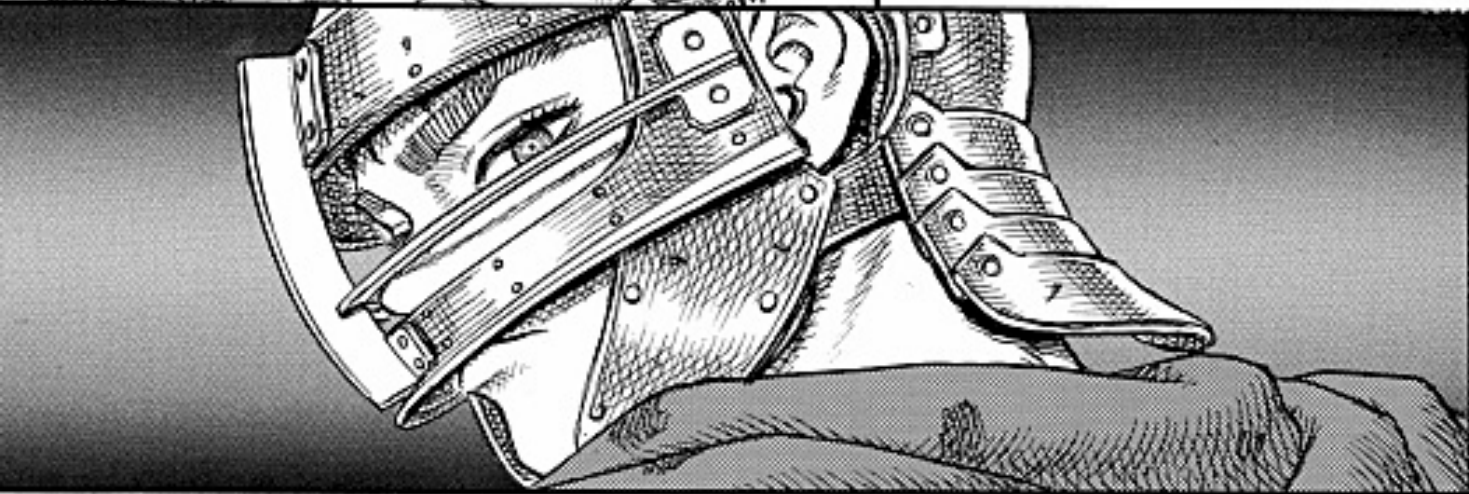
.....
...!!

HNNN
...

SHOOT
THE
WOMAN
TO
DEATH!!

F-
FIRE!!







BESIDES,
I GOT A
SCORE TO
SETTLE
WITH
BRIGHT
BOY!

IT AIN'T
MY WAY
TO RUN
OFF!



SICK AS
YOU ARE,
YOU'RE JUST
IN MY WAY,
SO GET
LOST.



IT'S LIKE
YOU SAID
BEFORE...

...

...

MAYBE...
I'M SATISFIED
JUST AS
LONG AS I
CAN SWING
MY SWORD
AROUND...



...

...



THIS
WORTHLESS
PLACE.

IS THIS
WHERE IT
ENDS FOR
YOU?

HERE
...



DYIN'...

...IN
A
PLACE
LIKE
THIS?

...THIS
RIGHT
BY
YOU?



IS WHAT
YOU WANT
THAT
CHEAP?



GO TO
YOUR
SWORD
MASTER...



...
RETURNS
TO THE
SHEATH,
RIGHT?

A
SWORD
...



SUR-
ROUND
THEM!!

DON'T
BE
SCARED!!

...GO
BACK.

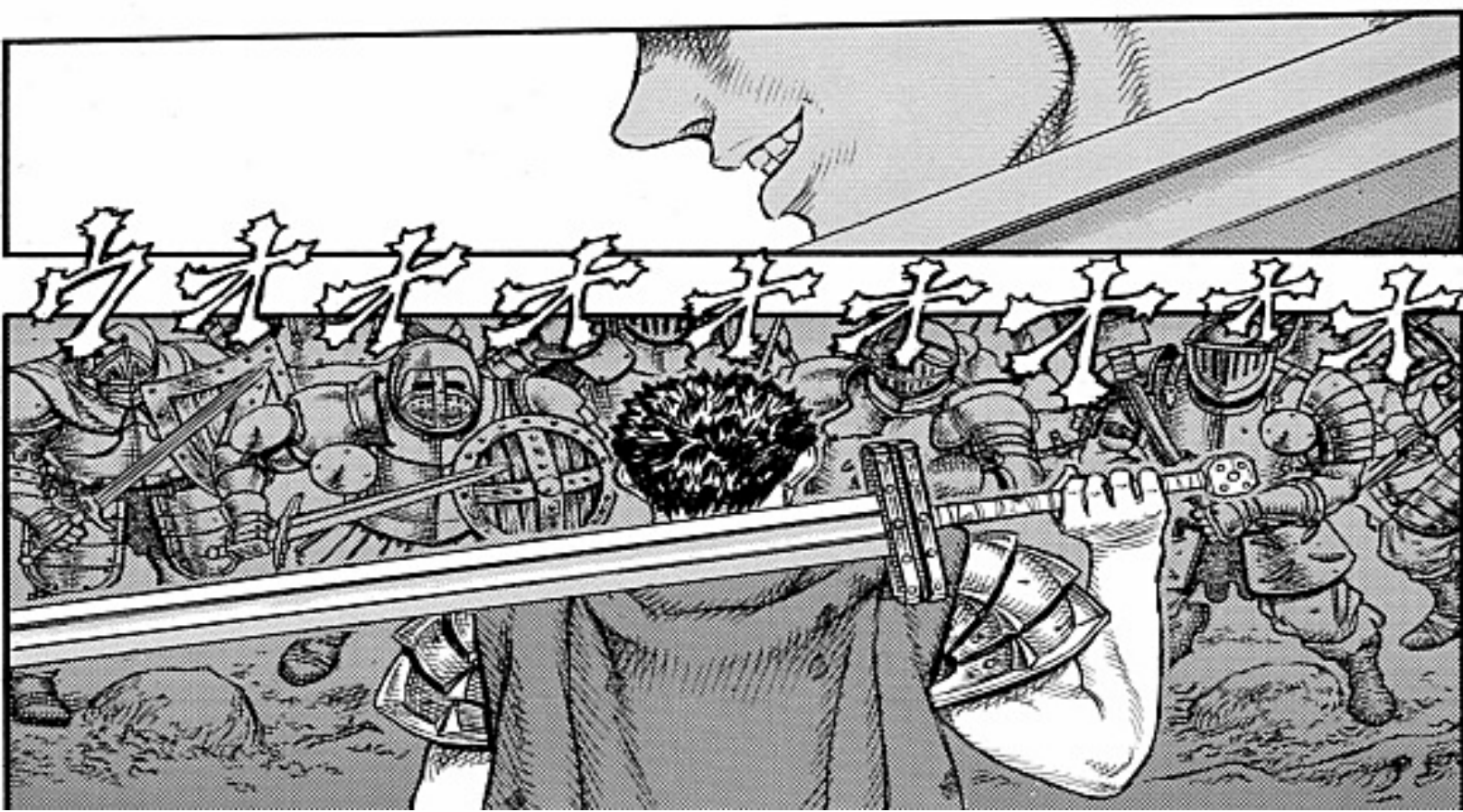
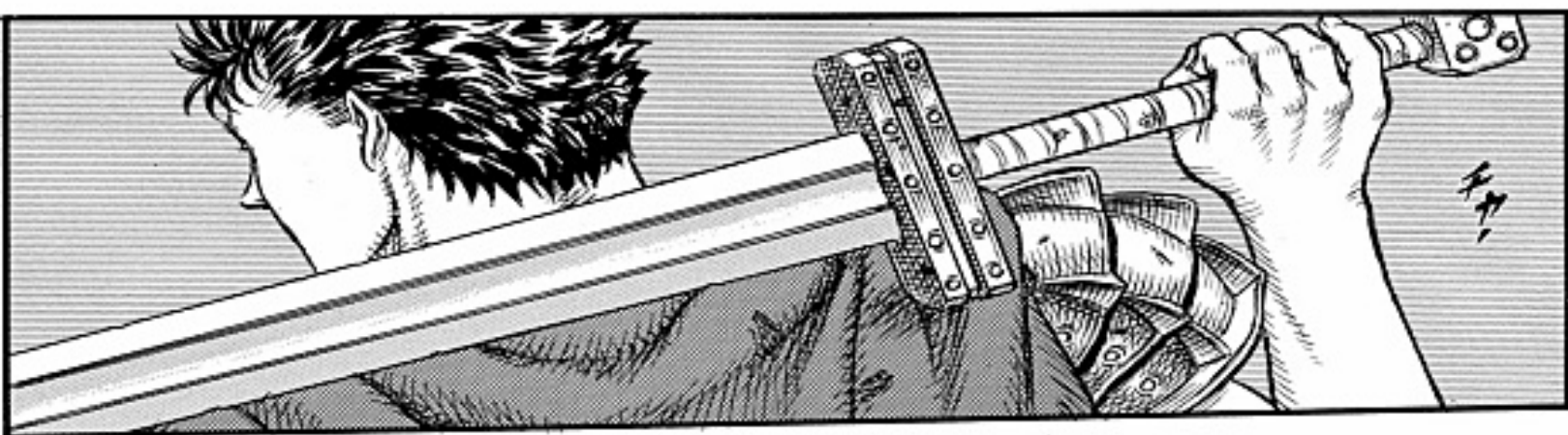
GO TO
GRIFFITH.

PREPARED FOR DEATH (2): END





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決死行

決死行(3)

PREPARED FOR DEATH
CHAPTER 3







I
SWEAR
I'LL
COME
BACK
WITH
THE
OTHERS
...!!

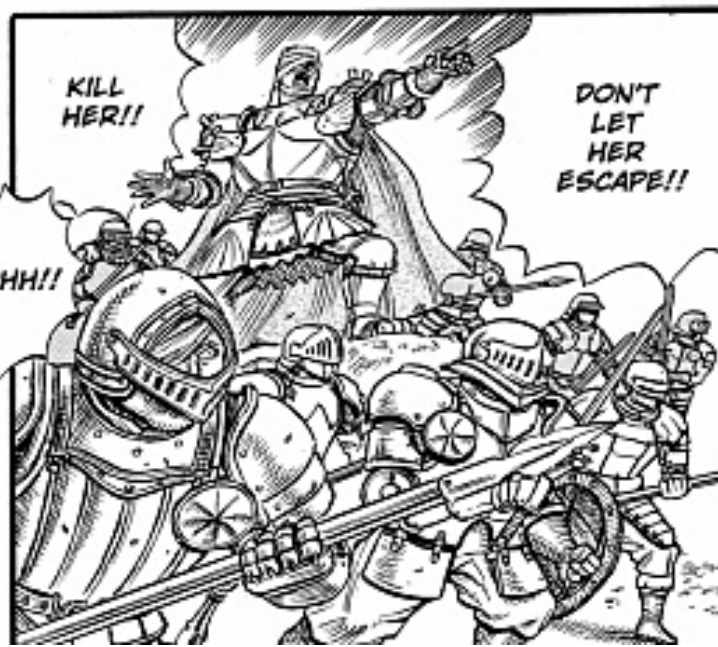
UNTIL
THEN

**DON'T
DIE!!**



HANG
ON!

YOH!!



KILL
HER!!

DON'T
LET
HER
ESCAPE!!



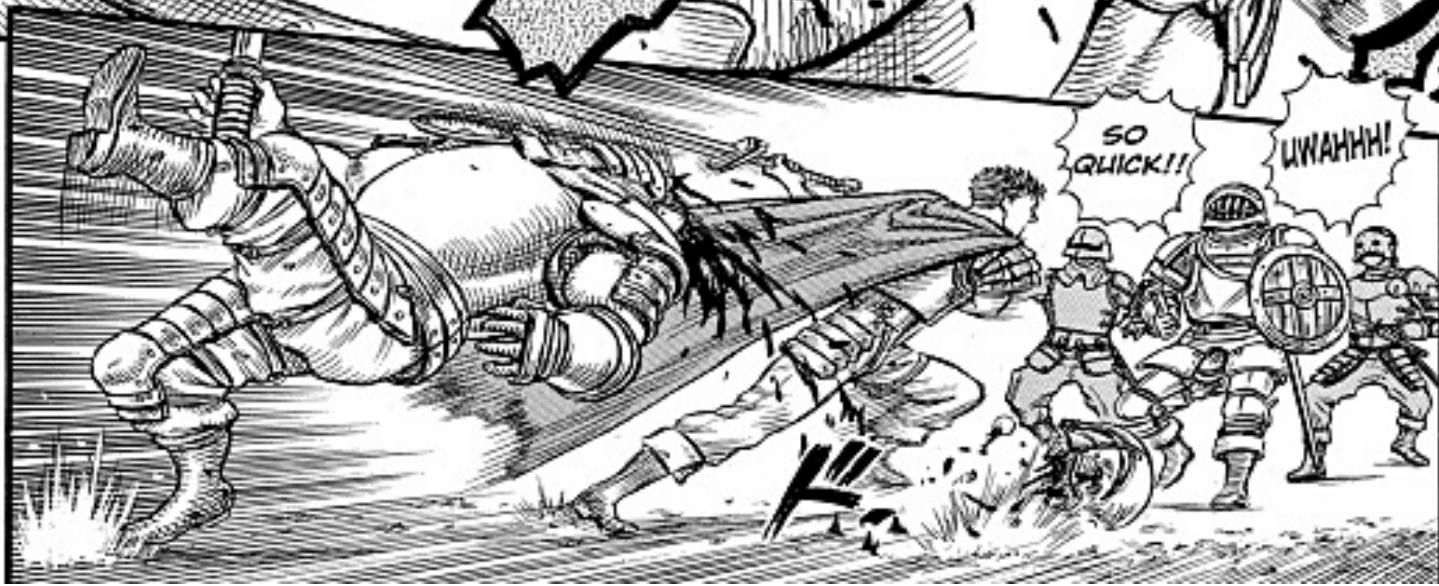
BLINCHA
WAGE
THIEVES.

YOU CAN
CHASE
GIRLS
AFTER
YOU'VE
DONE
YOUR
JOB.



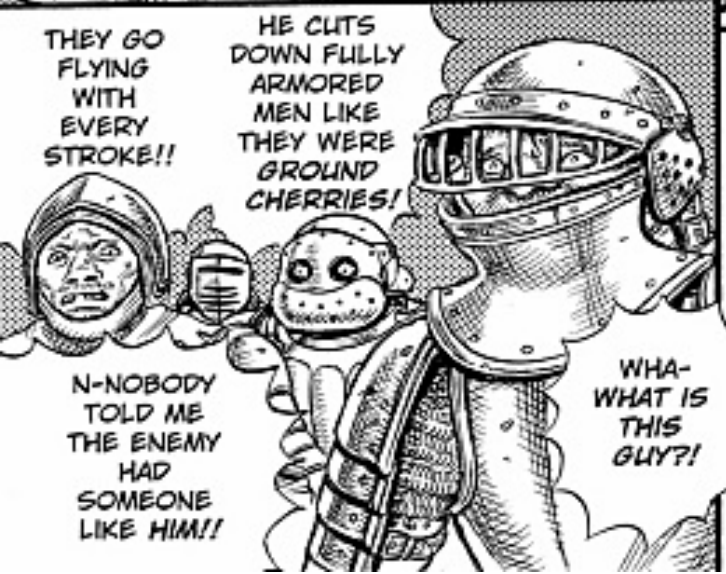
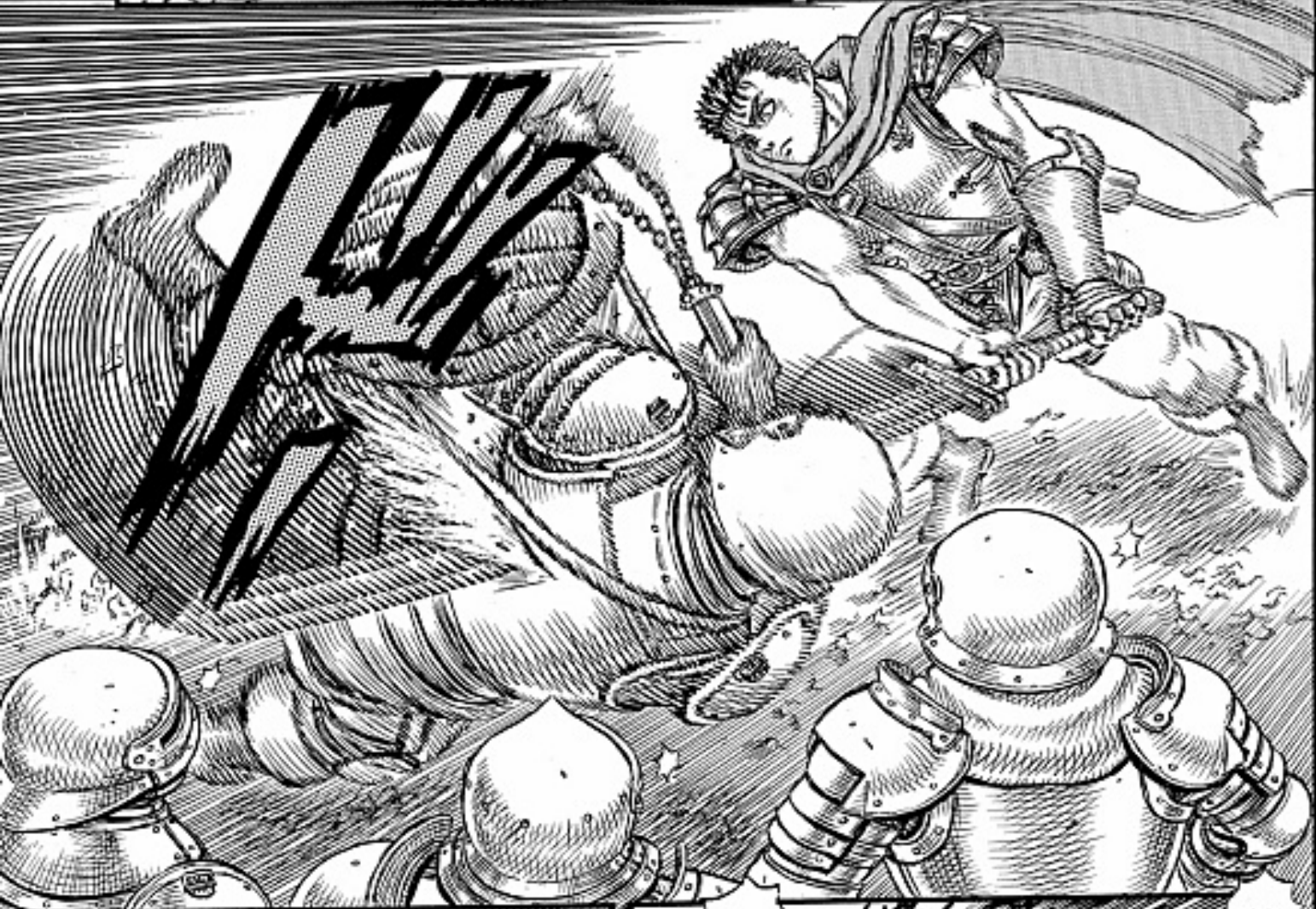
SON
OF A
BITCH...

S...



SO
QUICK!!

UWAHHH!



THEY GO
FLYING
WITH
EVERY
STROKE!!

HE CUTS
DOWN FULLY
ARMORED
MEN LIKE
THEY WERE
GROUND
CHERRIES!

N-NOBODY
TOLD ME
THE ENEMY
HAD
SOMEONE
LIKE HIM!!

WHA-
WHAT IS
THIS
GUY?!



AIEEE!

WHA
...?!

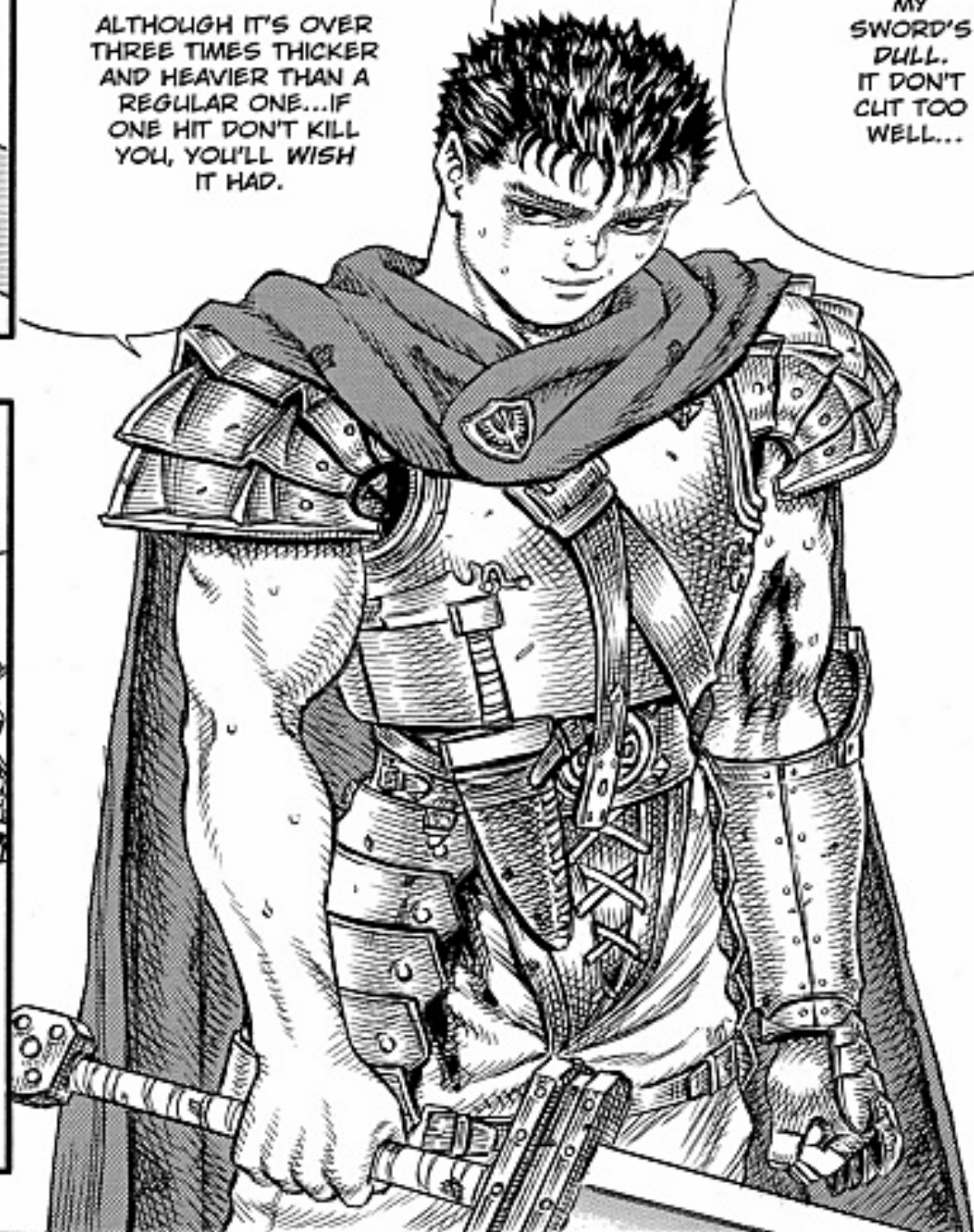


H N N R R G H ...

DAMN YOU!!!

ALTHOUGH IT'S OVER THREE TIMES THICKER AND HEAVIER THAN A REGULAR ONE...IF ONE HIT DON'T KILL YOU, YOU'LL WISH IT HAD.

MY SWORD'S DULL. IT DON'T CUT TOO WELL...



WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR?!

ALL OF YOU!!

NO MATTER HOW SKILLED HE IS, HE'S JUST ONE WOUNDED MAN!! IT'S NO BIG DEAL, JUST SURROUND HIM!! THERE WERE A HUNDRED OF US!!

YEAH, BUT THAT DON'T MEAN WE WANNA DIE.

...I GUARANTEE YOU THREE...NO, FIVE TIMES THE BOUNTY, AND YOU'LL BE PUT IN CHARGE OF A HUNDRED MEN.

WHOEVER TAKES HIS HEAD...

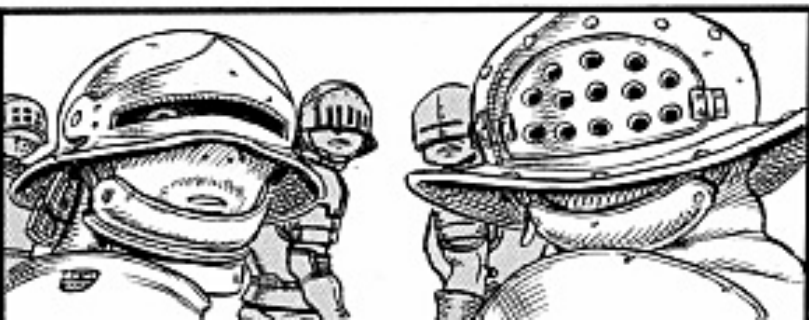
...
...

YOU CALL YOURSELVES PROUD KNIGHTS OF CHUDER?!

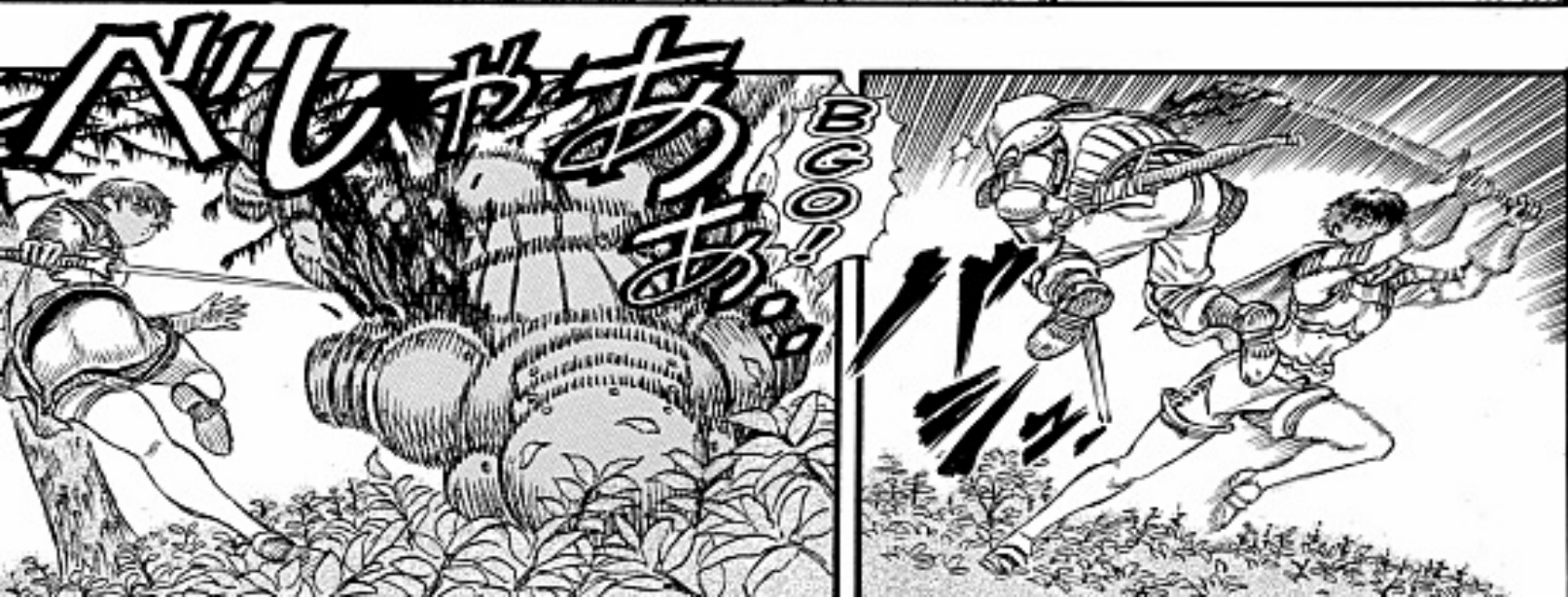
WON'T ANYONE HERE GET REVENGE FOR SAMSON?!

WE'RE JUST MERCENARIES, MAN.

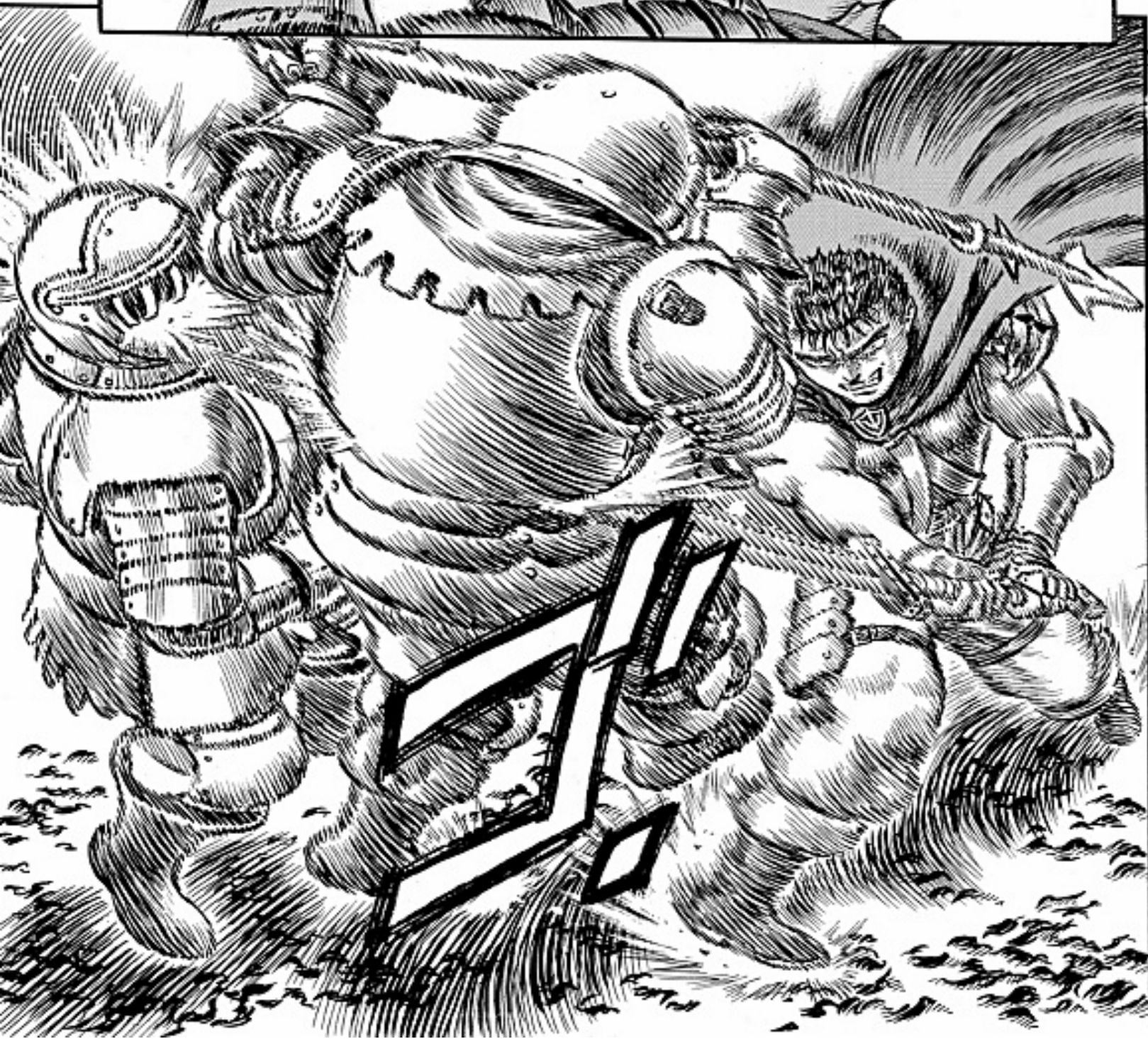
SHOULD WE? HE'S THE ONE WHO WENT AND GOT HIMSELF KILLED.



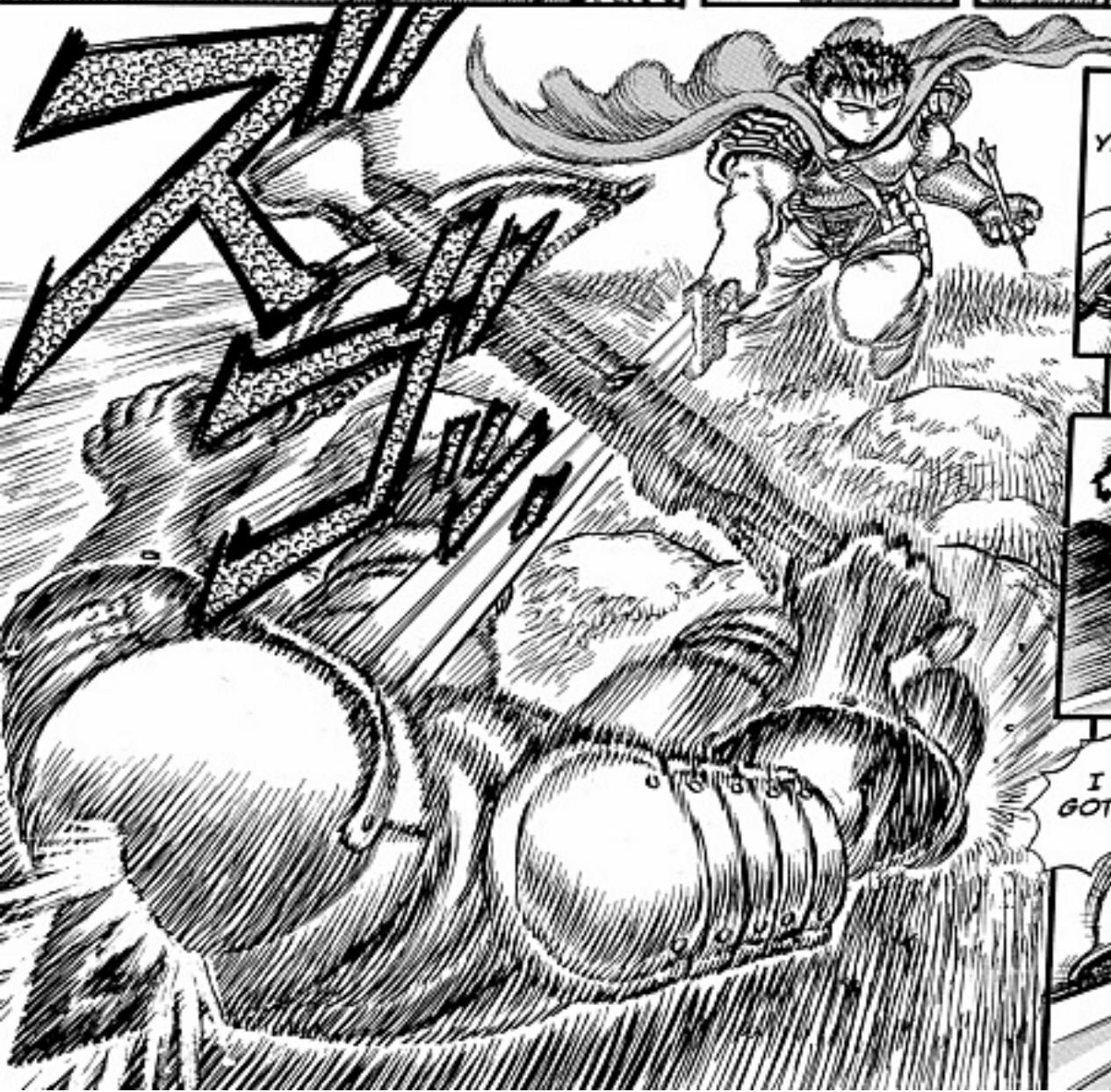
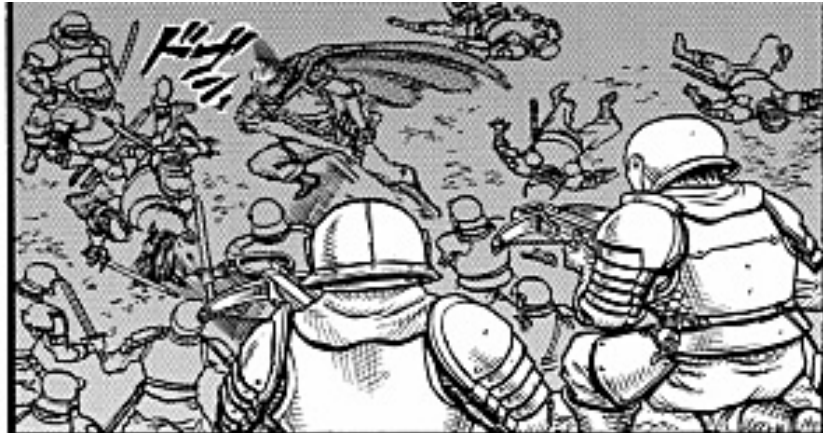














HIS LEFT HAND IS
TOTALLY MESSED
UP! NOW HE
WON'T BE ABLE
TO SWING THAT
RIDICULOUSLY
BIG SWORD
AROUND SO
EASILY!





... CAN'T ...

NO USE...



...CAN'T RUN ANY-MORE!!



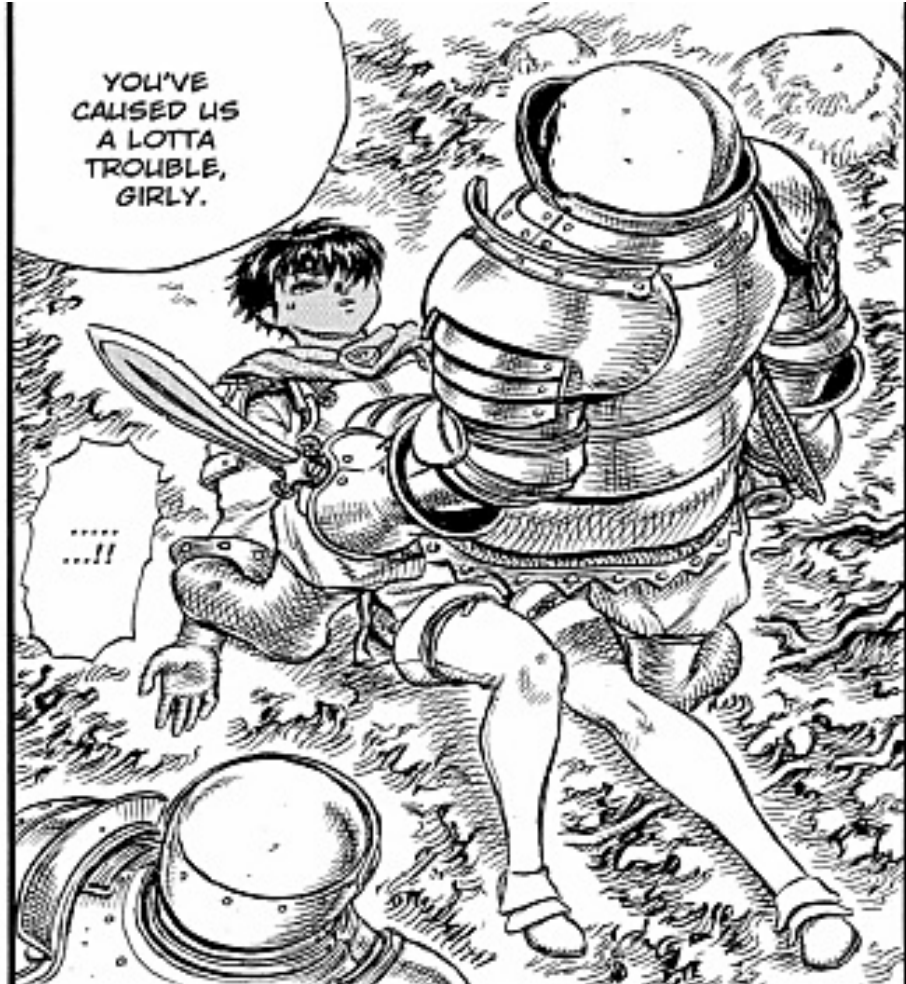
WHY YOU!!

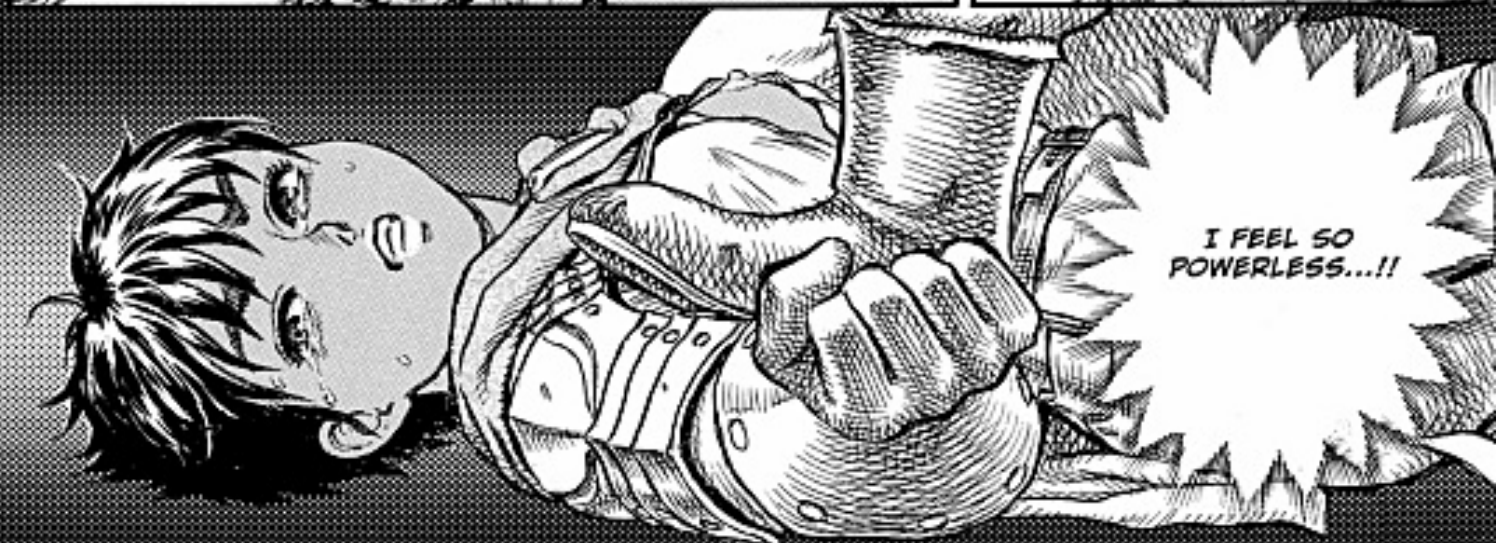


BUT
YOU
STUCK
IT TO A
BUNCH
OF
OUR
GUYS...

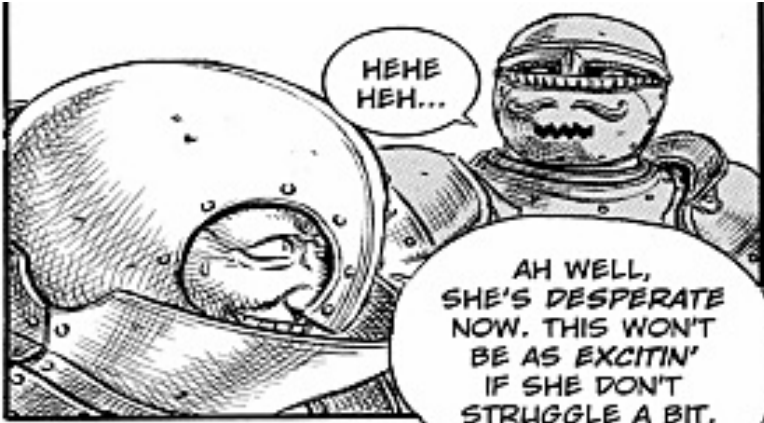
WE'LL
PUT YOU
OUTTA
YOUR
MISERY
SOON
ENOUGH.

YOU'VE
CAUSED US
A LOTTA
TROUBLE,
GIRLY.

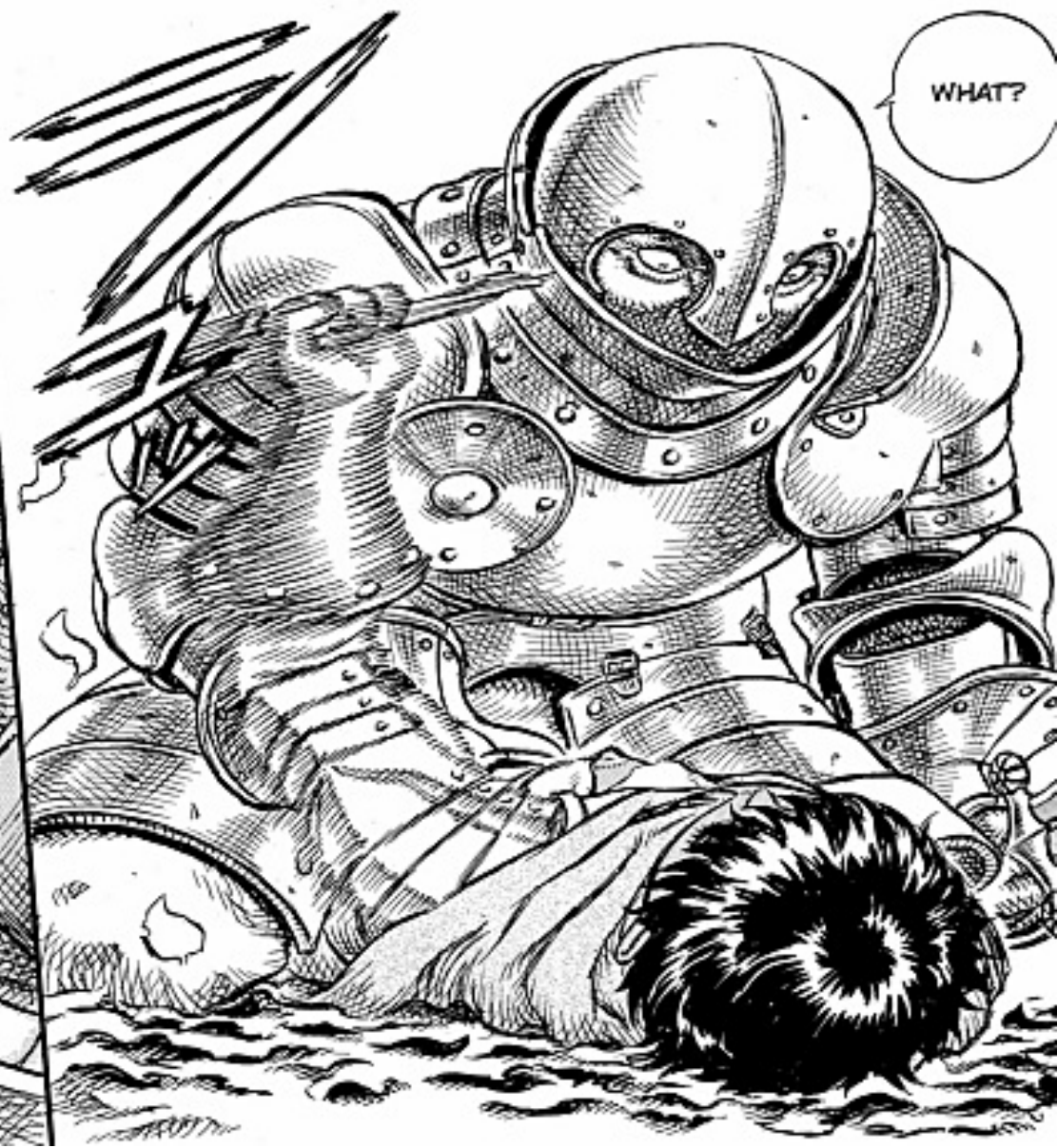
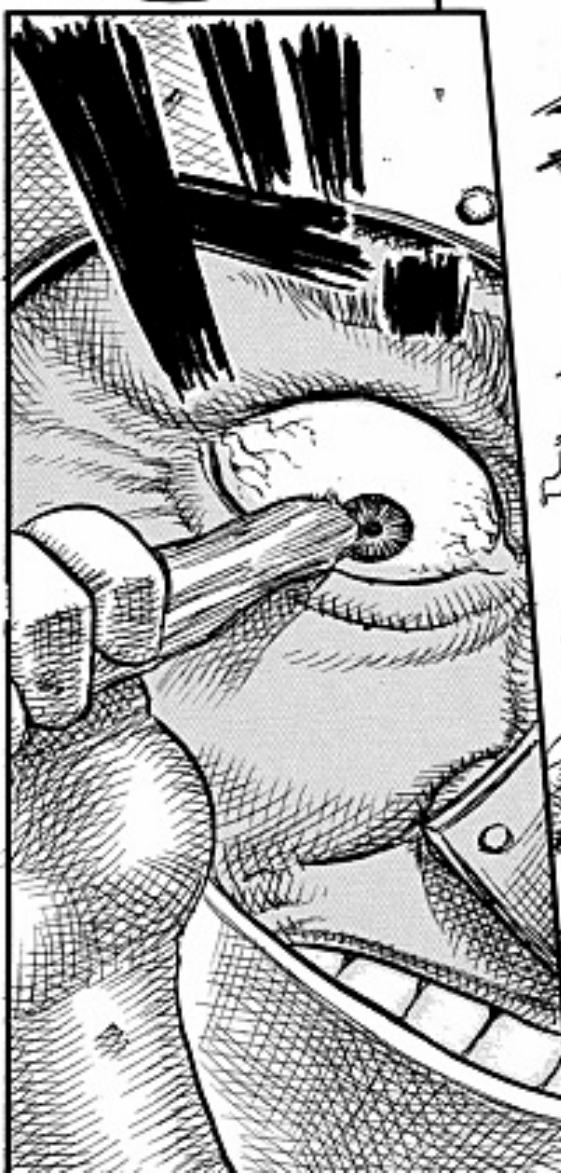
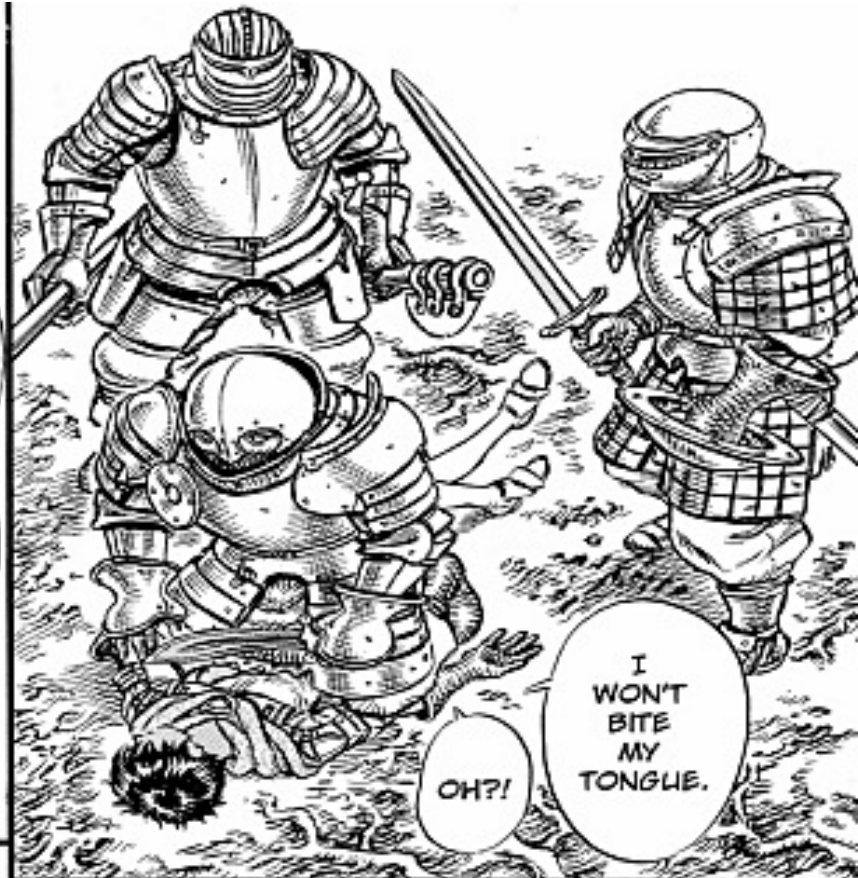


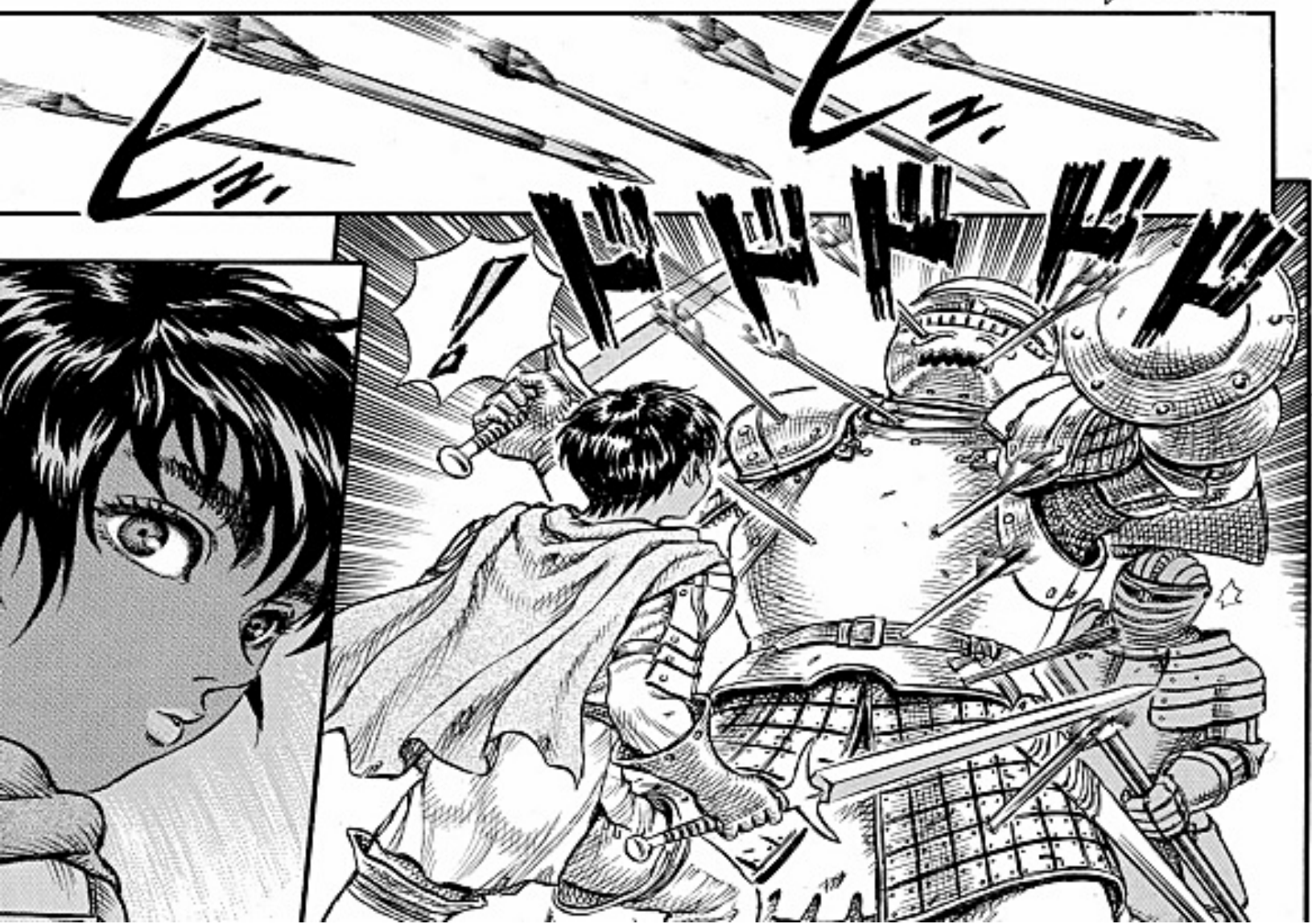
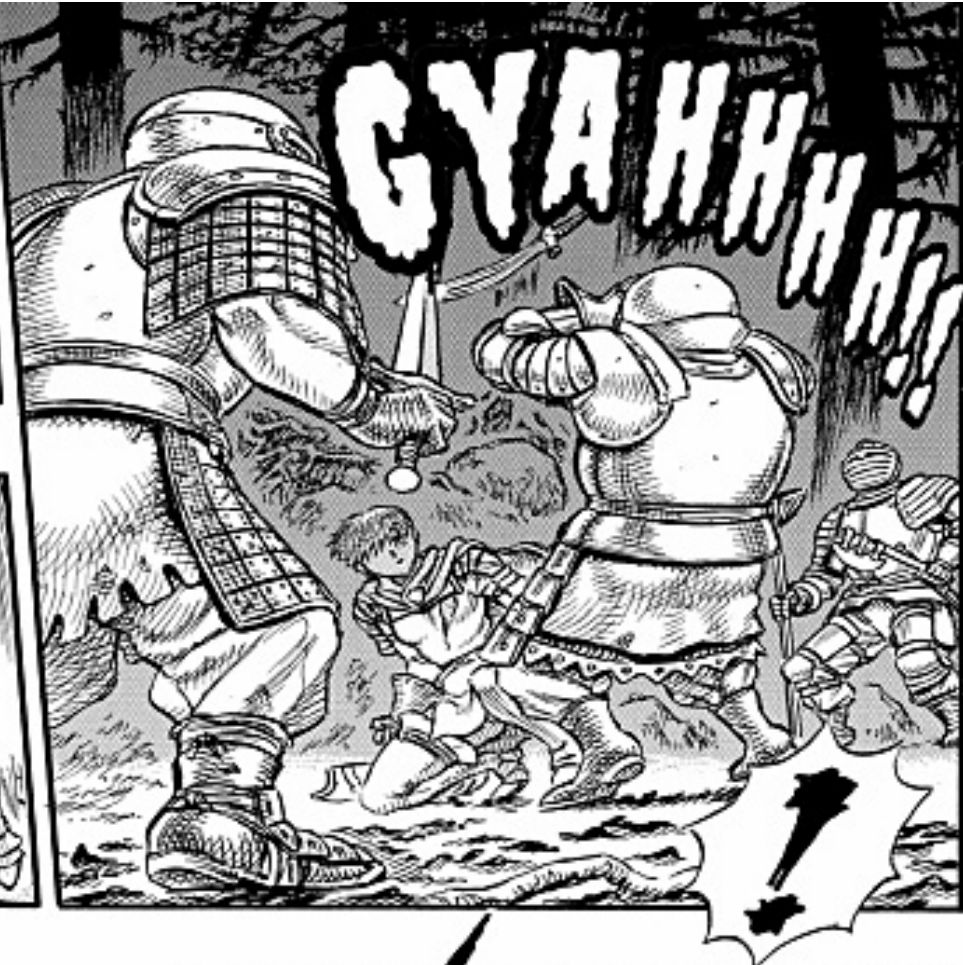
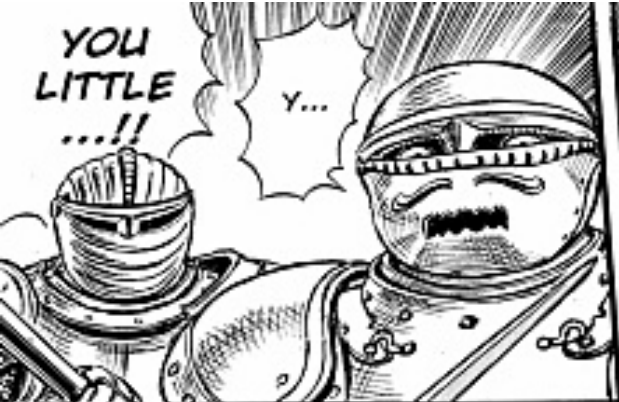






AH WELL,
SHE'S DESPERATE
NOW. THIS WON'T
BE AS EXCITIN'
IF SHE DON'T
STRUGGLE A BIT.







THAT'S
ABOUT
FAR
ENOUGH.

SO
SHE
WON'T
COME
CHEAP.

SHE'S
THE
ONLY
WOMAN
FOR
US.

PREPARED FOR DEATH (3): END





THE SUN'S
GONNA COME
UP BEFORE I
FINISH SPLITTIN'
YOUR HEADS.

VALT

生存
SURVIVAL



...!!

AI
YI
YI!

IM-
IMPOSSIBLE!!

WITH ONE
ARM...!!
HE'S
KILLED
HALF OF
A HUNDRED
MEN!!

THIS
ISN'T
JUST A
FLUKE!



THERE'S
STILL
THAT
MANY
LEFT?

WHAAAT?





...RISKING
MY LIFE
SO
CHEAPLY.

WHAT
THE HELL
AM I
DOING...?

IN
THIS
DUMB
PLACE...



NO,
PROBABLY
NOT...

IS
IT
FOR
HER?



...NO
TIME TO
THINK.

RIGHT
NOW...



...IS
HOW
TO
CUT...

ALL
THERE
IS
NOW...



THAT'S
ALL.

HOW
TO
KILL...



AND
THEN
.....

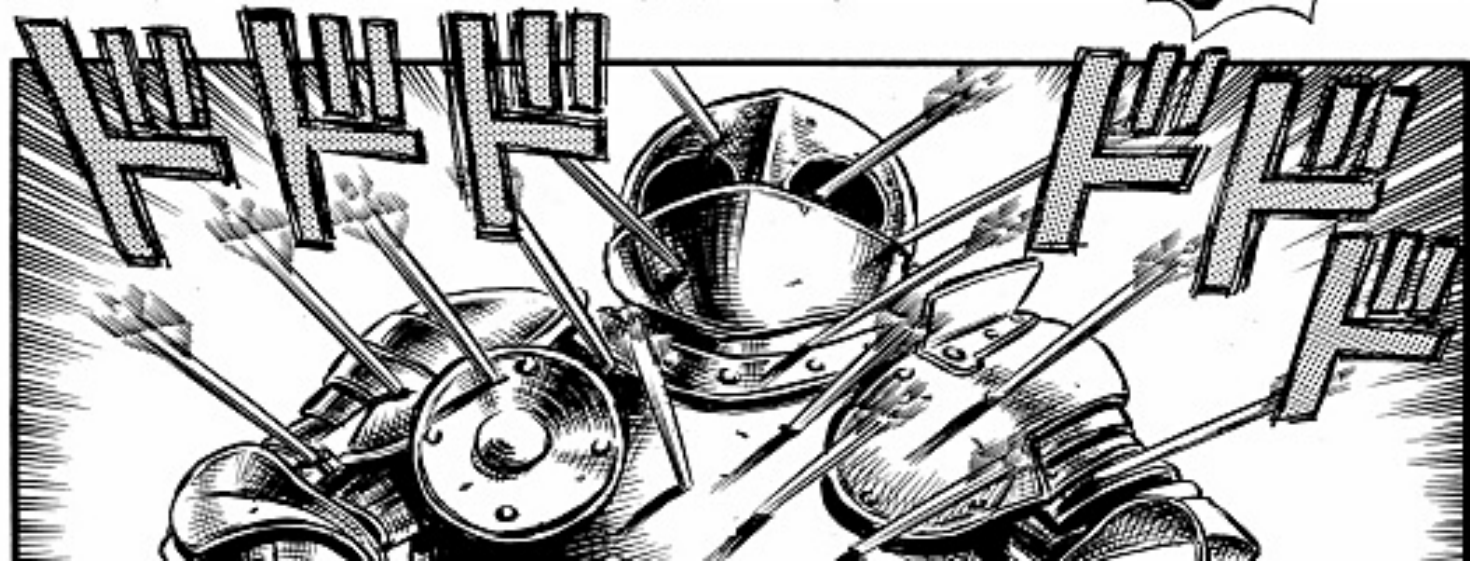
EVEN
THESE
THOUGHTS
WILL SLIP
MY MIND
IN TIME.

...THE
BEAT OF
MY HEART
STILL
REMAINS.

...
ONLY
...



BECAUSE





FOR
THE
DELAY.

HEH,
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



HEY. H...



EH?

HURRY
...



IT TOOK
AWHILE TO
CONVINCE
THE POWERS
THAT BE...



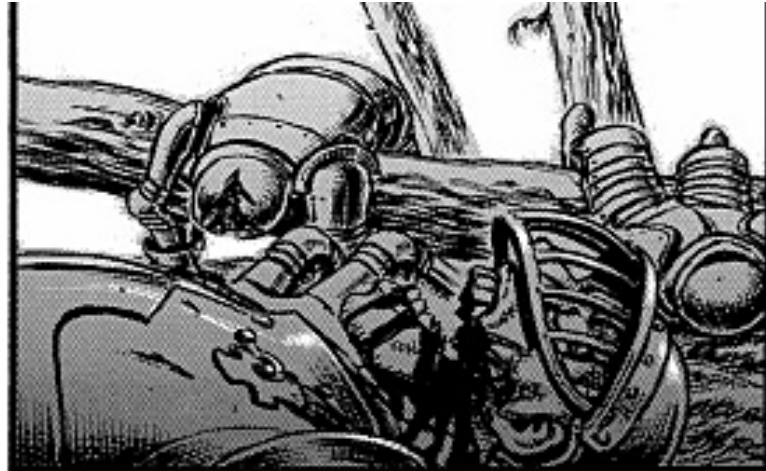
GUTS
IS...

HURRY!!

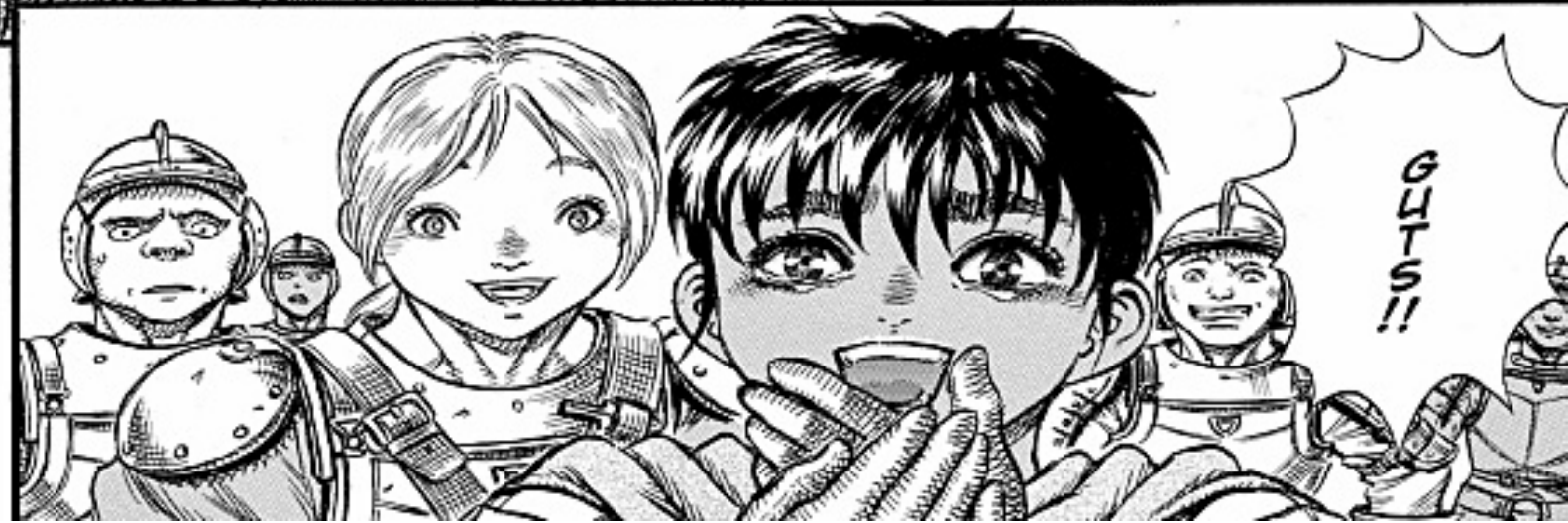
...HE'S...

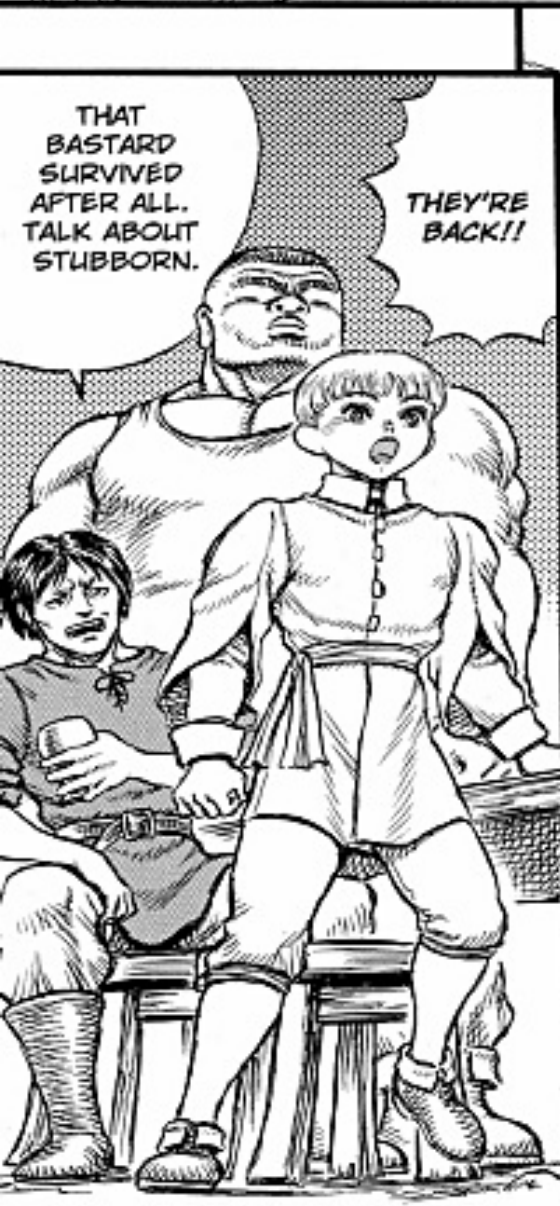
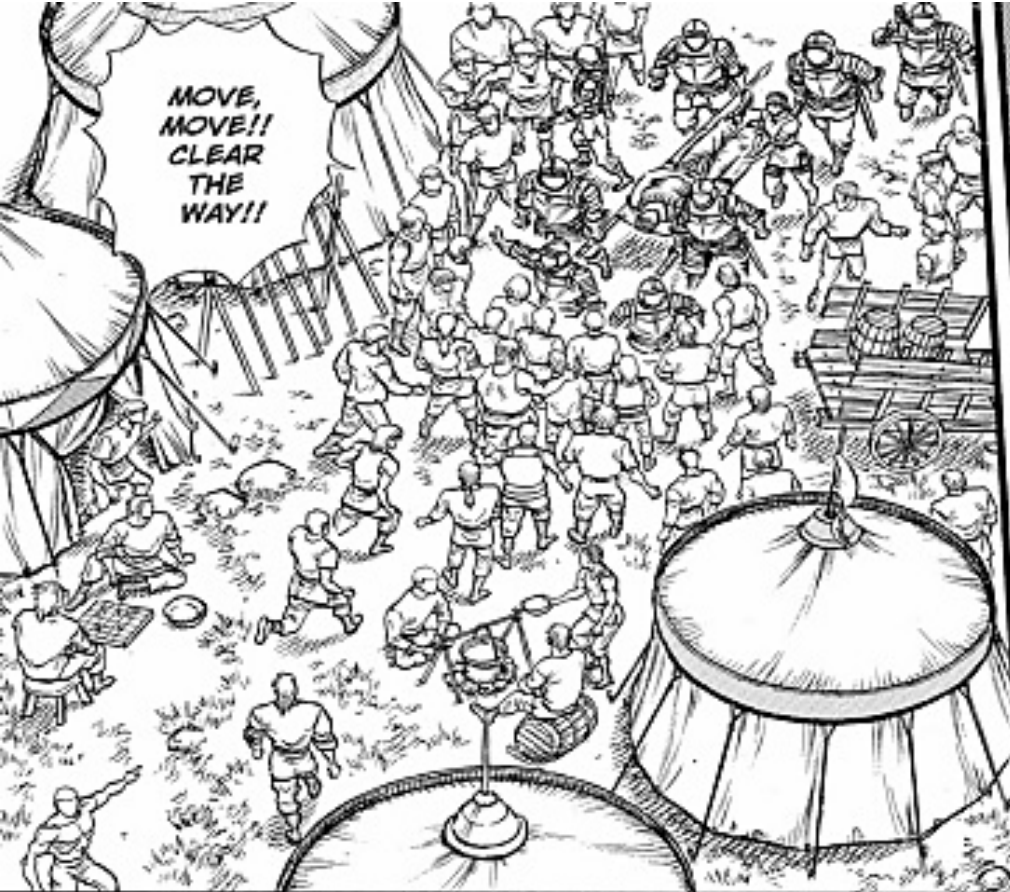


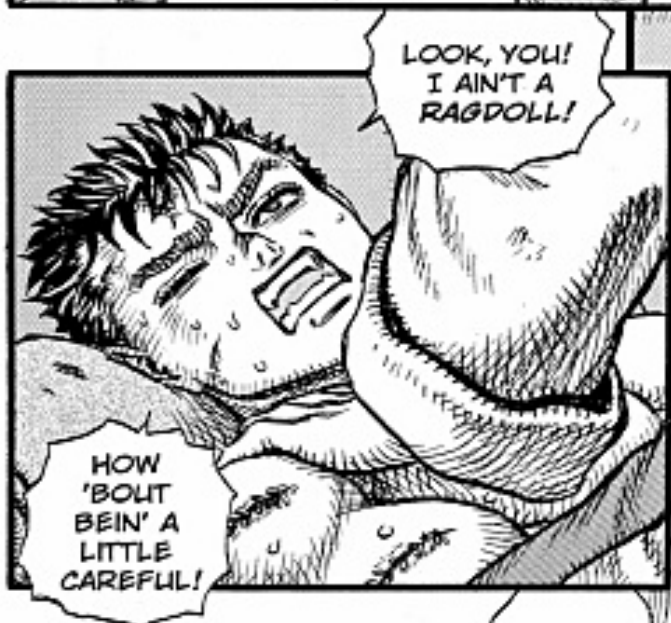












IN OTHER
WORDS,
HE'S
THROUGH
FOR THIS
CAMPAIGN.

BUT
HE
MUST
REST.



WHEWW.
WHAT A
FRIGHT-
FUL
MAN.

NORMALLY
SOMEONE WITH
THAT MANY WOUNDS
SHOULD HAVE
PASSED OUT LONG
BEFORE NOW...



WELL, I DON'T
SUPPOSE HIS
LIFE IS IN
DANGER...

HMM...
HE'S A
TOUGH
ONE.

SO,
HOW
IS HE?



Y-YOU DOLT!
IF YOU FOLLOW
THROUGH WITH
THAT... I CAN'T
GUARANTEE
YOUR
SURVIVAL!

SURVIVAL
GUARANTEE?
WHAT THE
HELL'S THAT
GOT TO DO
WITH WAR,
ANYWAY?



I WON'T BE
RESPON-
SIBLE
FOR THE
OUTCOME!

DO
AS
YOU
WILL!!

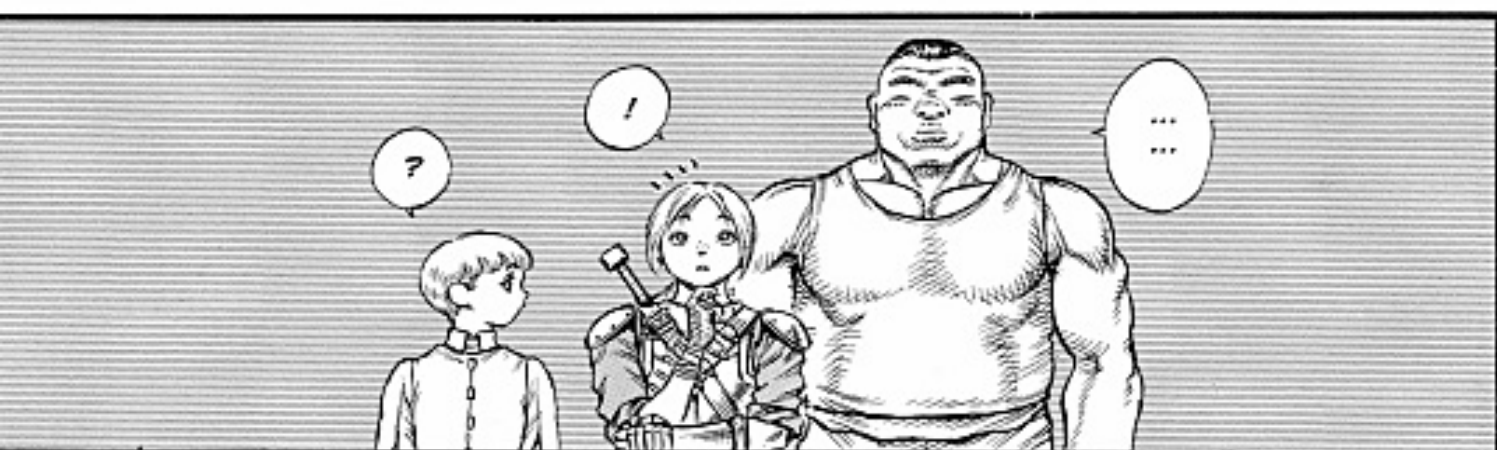
ARGHH,
FINE
THEN!

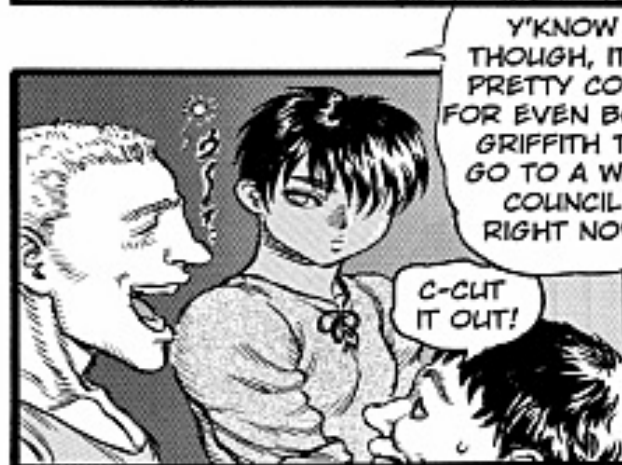
I'M
FIGHTIN' TILL
THE END OF
THIS CAMPAIGN
EVEN IF
I HAFTA
CRAWL!

SCREW
YOU!









Y'KNOW
THOUGH, IT'S
PRETTY COLD
FOR EVEN BOSS
GRIFFITH TO
GO TO A WAR
COUNCIL
RIGHT NOW.

C-CUT
IT OUT!



...GO
BACK...

GO
TO
GRIF-
FITH.

GO TO YOUR
SWORD
MASTER
...



.....
.....



I GUESS
WE'VE GOT
CAPTAIN GUTS
TO THANK
THIS TIME
AROUND.

WE
MUST
HAVE
REALLY
WORRIED
YOU ALL.

OH YEAH, WE
REALLY WEREN'T
SURE WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN
FOR AWHILE
THERE.

OH
MAN...
WE'RE
SO
RELIEVED,
SIS!



WHAT?

I
THOUGHT
I'D TELL
YOU SOME-
THING...



CASCA.

COULD I
SEE YOU
FOR A BIT?



"I
WILL
NOT
LOSE
THEM."

"THOSE
TWO ARE
VITAL TO
THE BAND
OF THE
HAWK."



WHEN
GRIFFITH
DECIDED TO
SEND OUT A
SEARCH PARTY
TO FIND YOU
TWO...

...THE NOBLES
AROUND HIM
STRONGLY OPPOSED
HIS DECISION
FOR VARIOUS
REASONS.



...AND
PLAINLY
...

BUT
GRIFFITH
SAID...





ELF
DUST.

HE WAS GOOD FOLK,
AND THAT'S WHAT HE
GAVE ME WHEN I WAS
BADLY INJURED IN AN
ACCIDENT.

THERE WAS
THIS ELF IN
A TRAVELING
ENTERTAINMENT
TROUPE I USED
TO WORK FOR
YEARS AGO.

DON'T SWEAT IT.
IT'S A GOOD DEAL
IF YOU THINK
ABOUT IT, ONE BAG
OF MEDICINE FOR
A HUNDRED DEAD
ENEMIES.

BUT
SOME-
THING
SO
VALU-
ABLE...

BUT
THEY
REALLY
EXIST.

WELL, I
GUESS
NOT TOO
MANY
PEOPLE
BELIEVE
IN THEM
THESE
DAYS...

IT'S
TRUE.

ELF...?
NO WAY...

I'VE
ESCAPED
DEATH EVEN
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD
THANKS TO
THAT STUFF.
THAT'S THE
LAST OF IT.

WHETHER
YOU BELIEVE
IN THEM OR
NOT DOESN'T
MATTER...JUST
THAT THE
POWDER IS
CERTIFIED
EFFECTIVE.

SHOWING
A SOFT
SIDE...

...HUH.

WHAT
DO YOU
SUPPOSE
HAPPENED?

THANK
YOU...

...
JUDEAU.

...
...



SURVIVAL:END



カミタマ

夢のかかり火

**CAMPFIRE OF
DREAMS**









IT WASN'T
REALLY FOR
YOUR SAKE.
FIGHTIN'
IS MORE
MY NATURE
THAN
RUNNIN'
AWAY.

THAT
WAS
SOME-
THIN'
I
DID
ON
MY
OWN.



...YOU
FOUGHT
CLOSE
TO A
HUN-
DRED
ENEMIES?

JUST
BECAUSE
IT'S
YOUR
NATURE...



...AND I
THOUGHT
THIS
THEN,
TOO...

...TO
BE
BLUNT
...

BUT
STILL...



...YEAH.

I WAS
SO INTO
SWINGIN'
MY
SWORD
THAT I
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO HIM,
THOUGH.

BESIDES,
I HAD A
SCORE TO
SETTLE
WITH THAT
DUDE.

...
...



...ME
FIGHTIN'
WITH A
HUNDRED
MEN...
DOESN'T
REALLY
MATTER...

COMPARED
TO WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING...



...COM-
PAR-
ED
TO
THAT...

...IT
WOULDN'T
REALLY
BE ANY
BIG DEAL.
THAT'S
WHAT I
THOUGHT.

...IF I
WERE TO GO
OUT AND FIGHT
A HUNDRED
OR A THOUSAND
MEN...



I
THINK
THAT
KINDA
THING'S
AMAZING...

HE'S GOT
SOMETHING
HE'D BET
HIS ENTIRE
LIFE
ON.....

GRIFFITH'S
THE
SAME
WAY...

IT
AIN'T
JUST
YOU.



GUTS...



YEAH.

WHAT
A NICE
VIEW.



...IT'S
LIKE
EACH
ONE OF
THOSE
LIGHTS...

...SO
WHEN
I LOOK
OUT
THERE...

...CONTAINS
TINY
DREAMS
AND
HOPES...

THAT'S
THE
WAY IT
LOOKS...



HE'S MY
SECOND-
IN-
COMMAND
...

Y'KNOW,
GASTON...

?

HE SWEARS
HE'LL GET
PROMOTED TO
LEADING A
HUNDRED MEN
SOON AND PROPOSE
AGAIN. HE DOESN'T
CARE HOW RISKY IT'LL
BE IN BATTLE. WELL,
I GUESS EVERYONE'S
STAKED THEM-
SELVES ON LOST
CAUSES.

NICHOLE
PROPOSED TO
A WOMAN, BUT
SHE REFUSED
BECAUSE SHE
DIDN'T WANT TO
BE WITH A
COMMON
SOLDIER.

ONCE THE
WAR'S OVER,
HE PLANS
TO OPEN A
CLOTHING SHOP
IN DOWNTOWN
WINDHAM WITH
MONEY HE'S
SAVED UP.

THE
ARMY'S
NOT
REALLY
GASTON'S
THING...



?

?

HE'S
MORE
SKILLED
THAN
HE
LOOKS.



YOU
SOUND
LIKE
SOME
PRIN-
CESS.

YOU
SMOOTH
TALKER.

CAN
IT.

CAMPFIRE
OF
DREAMS...

...HUH.

...
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

BUT
...

MAYBE
THEY'VE ALL
BROUGHT
THEIR OWN
INDIVIDUAL
LITTLE
FLAMES
TOGETHER
HERE.

YOU COULD
SCATTER
THEM JUST
BY BLOWING,
SO ALL
THOSE
LITTLE
FLAMES
...

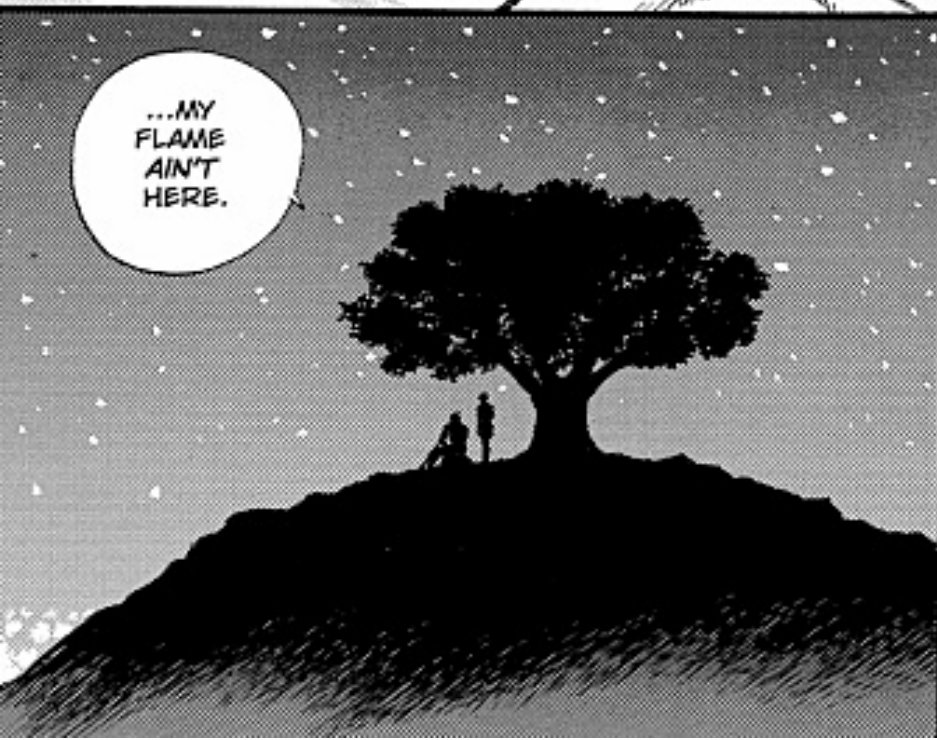
...THROW
THEM-
SELVES
INTO THE
BIGGEST
BONFIRE.





THE
BLAZING
INFERNO
...

...NAMED
GRIFFITH.



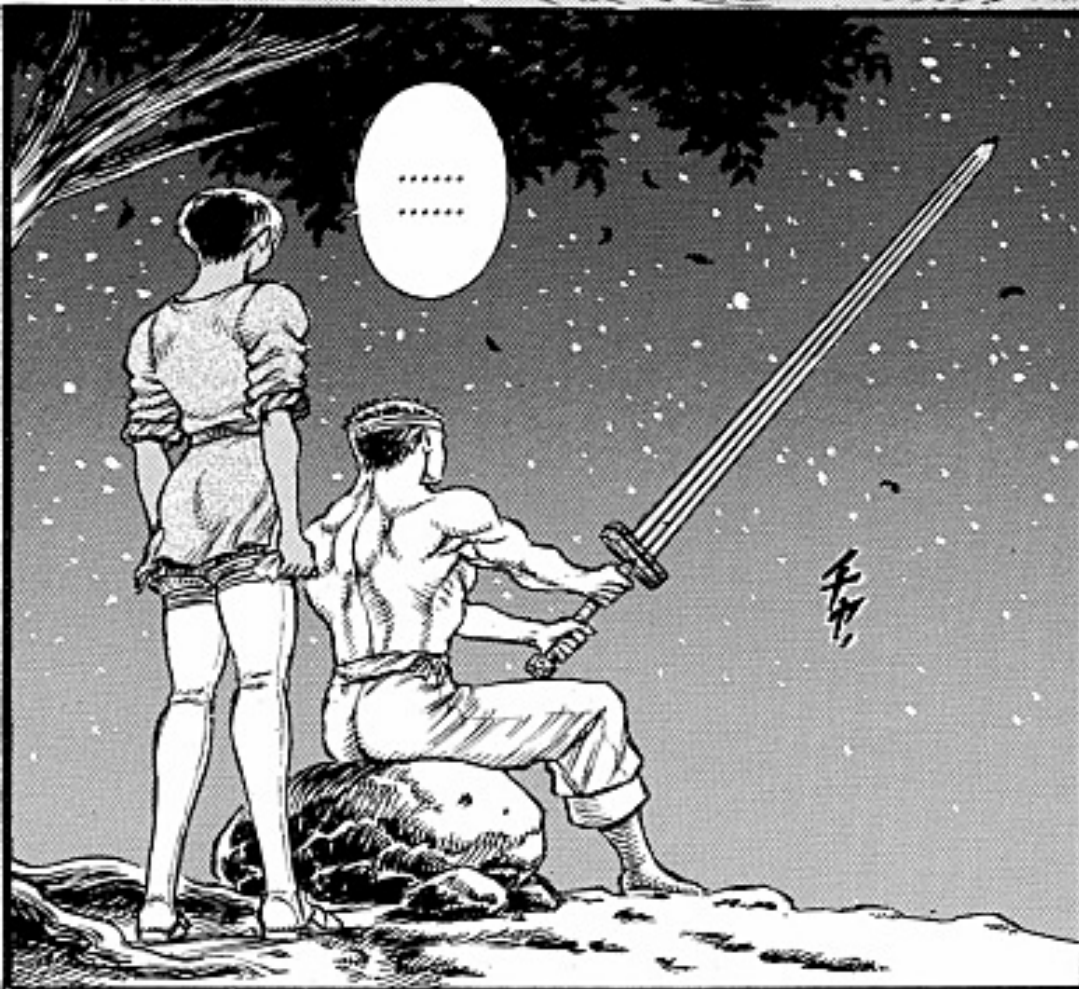
...MY
FLAME
AIN'T
HERE.



...
...



BUT
Y'KNOW
...





BUT STILL...

...IT
DON'T
REALLY
MEAN
MUCH.

THE
MERCENARY
LEADER WHO
RAISED ME
TAUGHT ME
NOTHING
BEYOND HOW
TO WIELD
A SWORD.

I WAS
ON THE
BATTLE-
FIELD
BEFORE I
WAS OLD
ENOUGH TO
UNDER-
STAND
THINGS.

...

I
HAD
NOTHIN'
BUT
THIS!



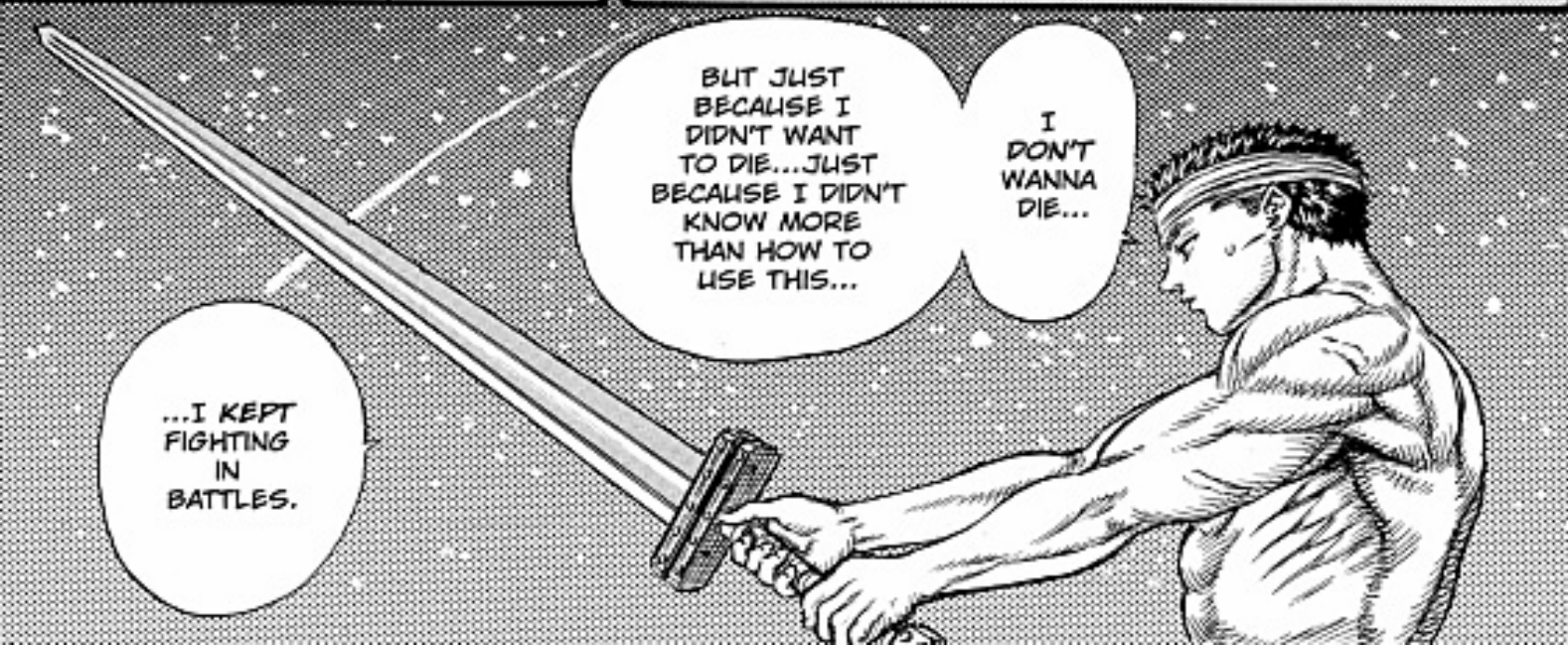
...AS
I HAVE
THIS, I'M
CONFIDENT I
CAN SURVIVE
ANY BATTLE.

AS
LONG...

THAT'S
HOW IT'S
BEEN UP
TILL NOW.

EVEN BEFORE
I JOINED THE
BAND OF THE
HAWK...NO
MATTER HOW
BADLY THE
BATTLE WAS LOST,
I MYSELF WAS
SURE TO
SURVIVE.

LIKE
THIS
TIME...

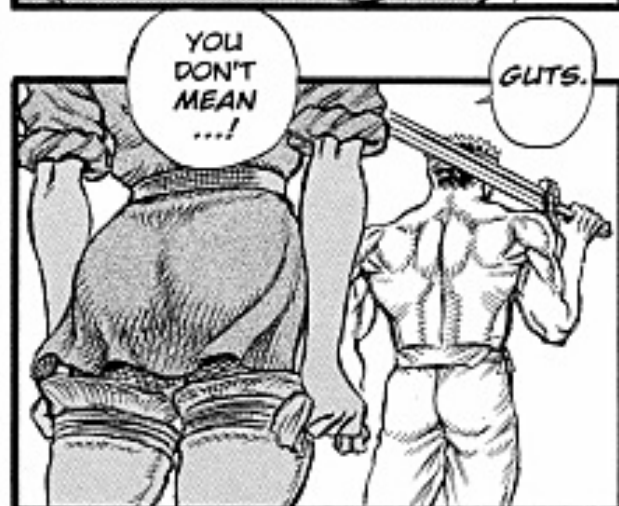


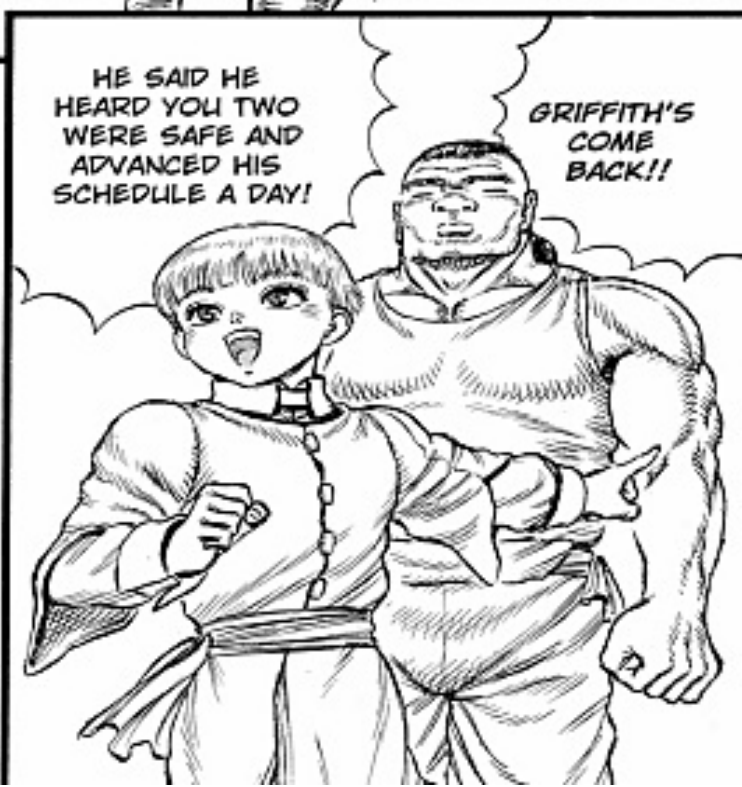
BUT JUST
BECAUSE I
DIDN'T WANT
TO DIE...JUST
BECAUSE I DIDN'T
KNOW MORE
THAN HOW TO
USE THIS...

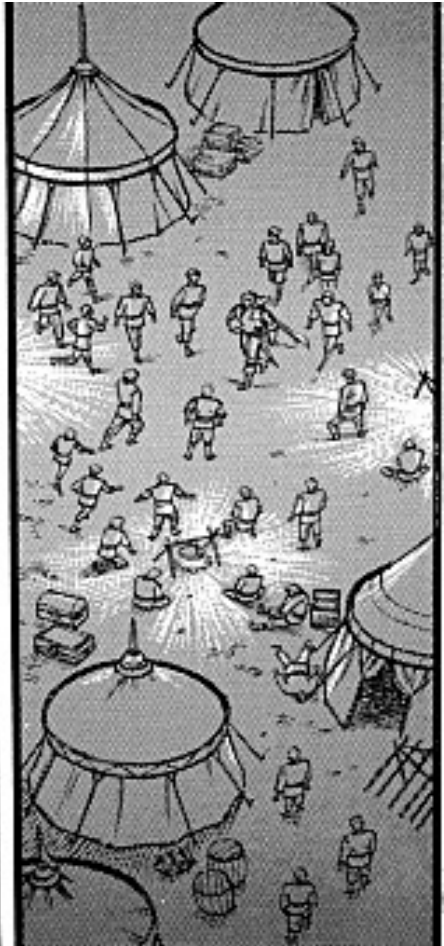
I
DON'T
WANNA
DIE...

...I KEPT
FIGHTING
IN
BATTLES.









DOING SO
EXPOSED
THE MEN OF
MY UNIT TO
DANGER. NOT
JUST THEM,
EITHER. GUTS
AND HIS
RAIDERS,
TOO...

PUSHING
MYSELF
WHEN I
WASN'T
WELL AND
GOING TO
THE FRONT
WAS MY
MISTAKE.

I'M SORRY,
GRIFFITH.
EVERYONE
HAD TO
DEAL WITH
A MESS
BECAUSE
OF ME.

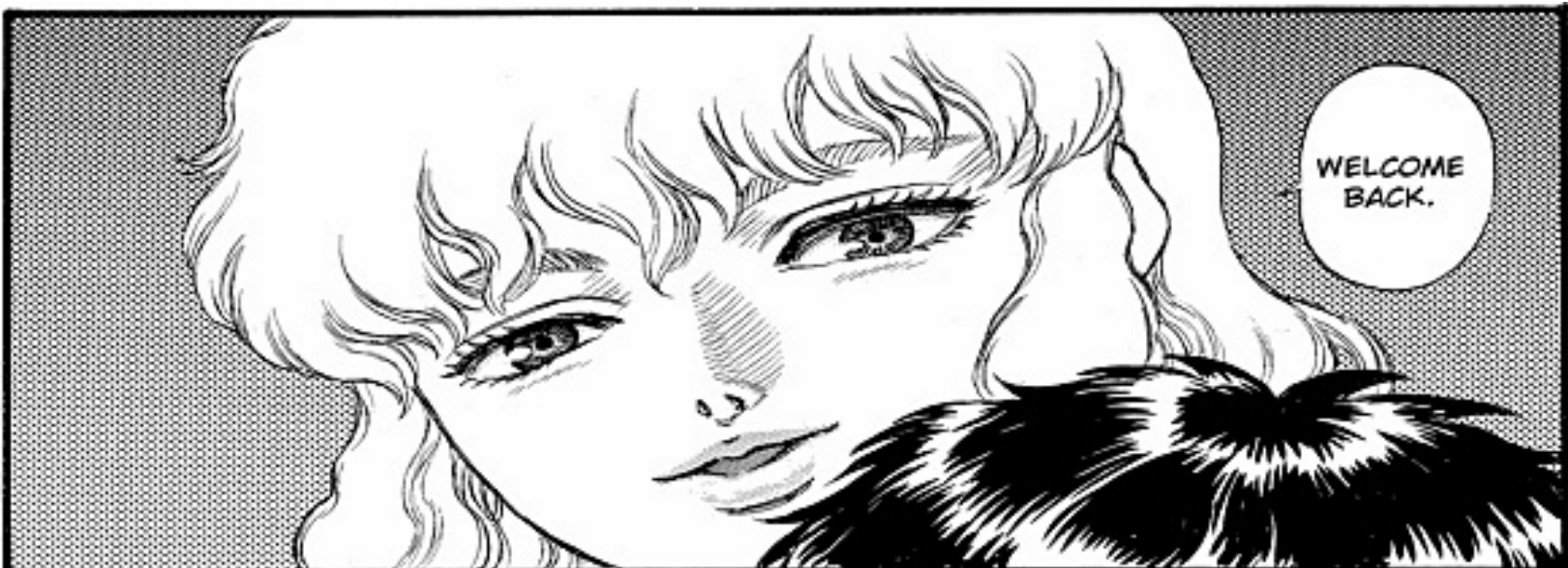
...
...
I'M NOT
QUALIFIED
TO BE A
COMMANDER!!

WHATEVER
PUNISH-
MENT
YOU--

WHA--
WHAT
WAS THAT
FOR...

...
JERK?!

WA-
KYA



WAS HE...
...SERIOUS?

CELE-
BRATE THE
HUNDRED-
MAN KILL,
EH?

BUT
HEY,
WHO
CARES?

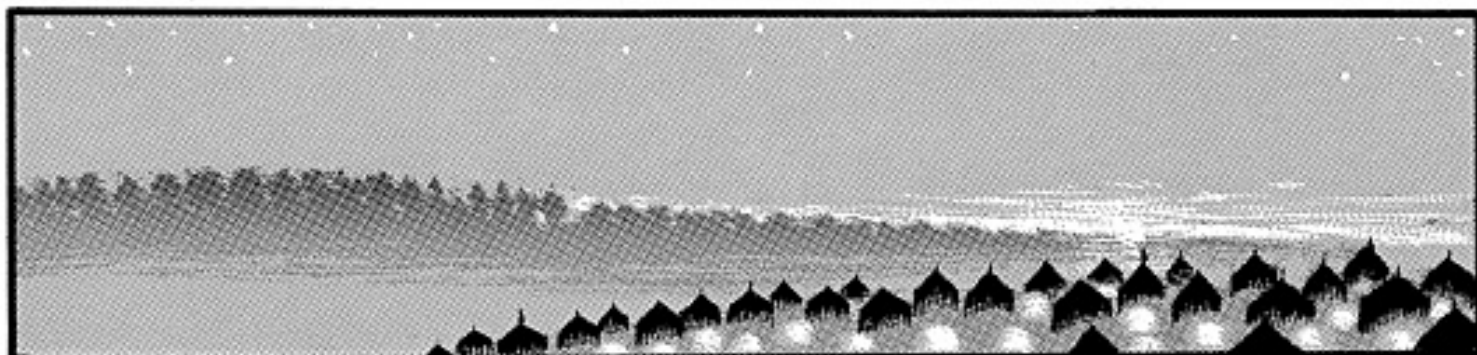
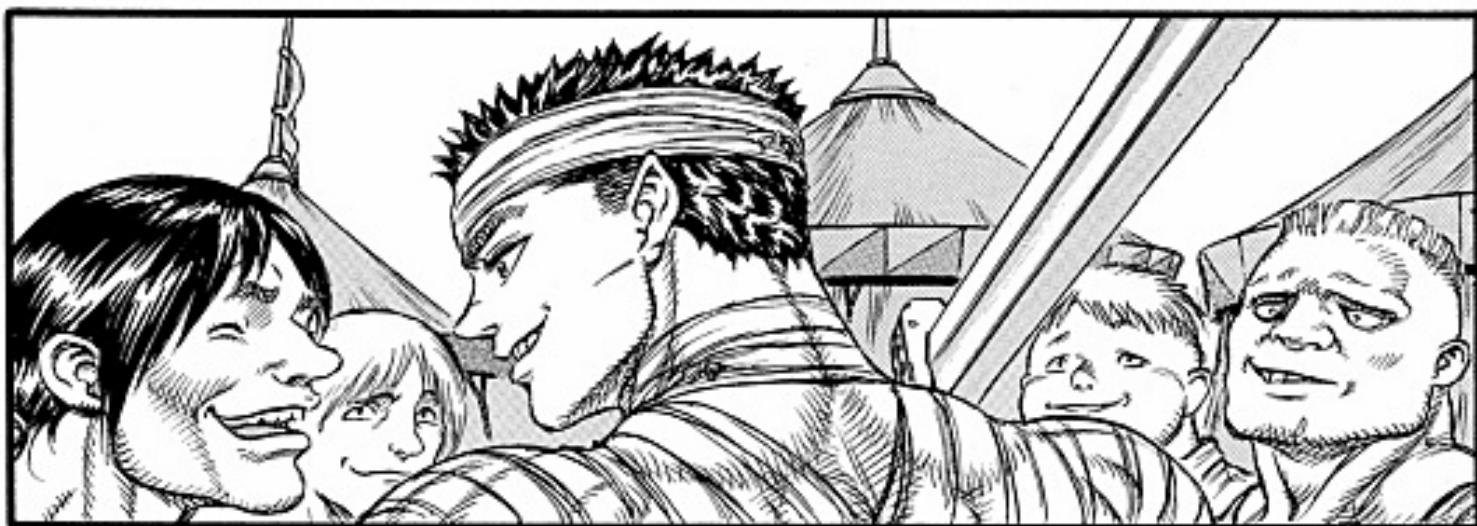
THE
BOOZE'LL
DISINFECT
ME,
MORON.

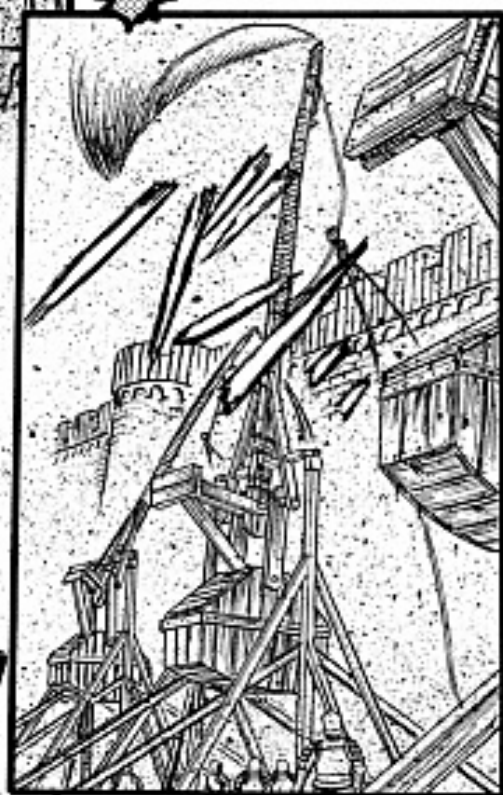
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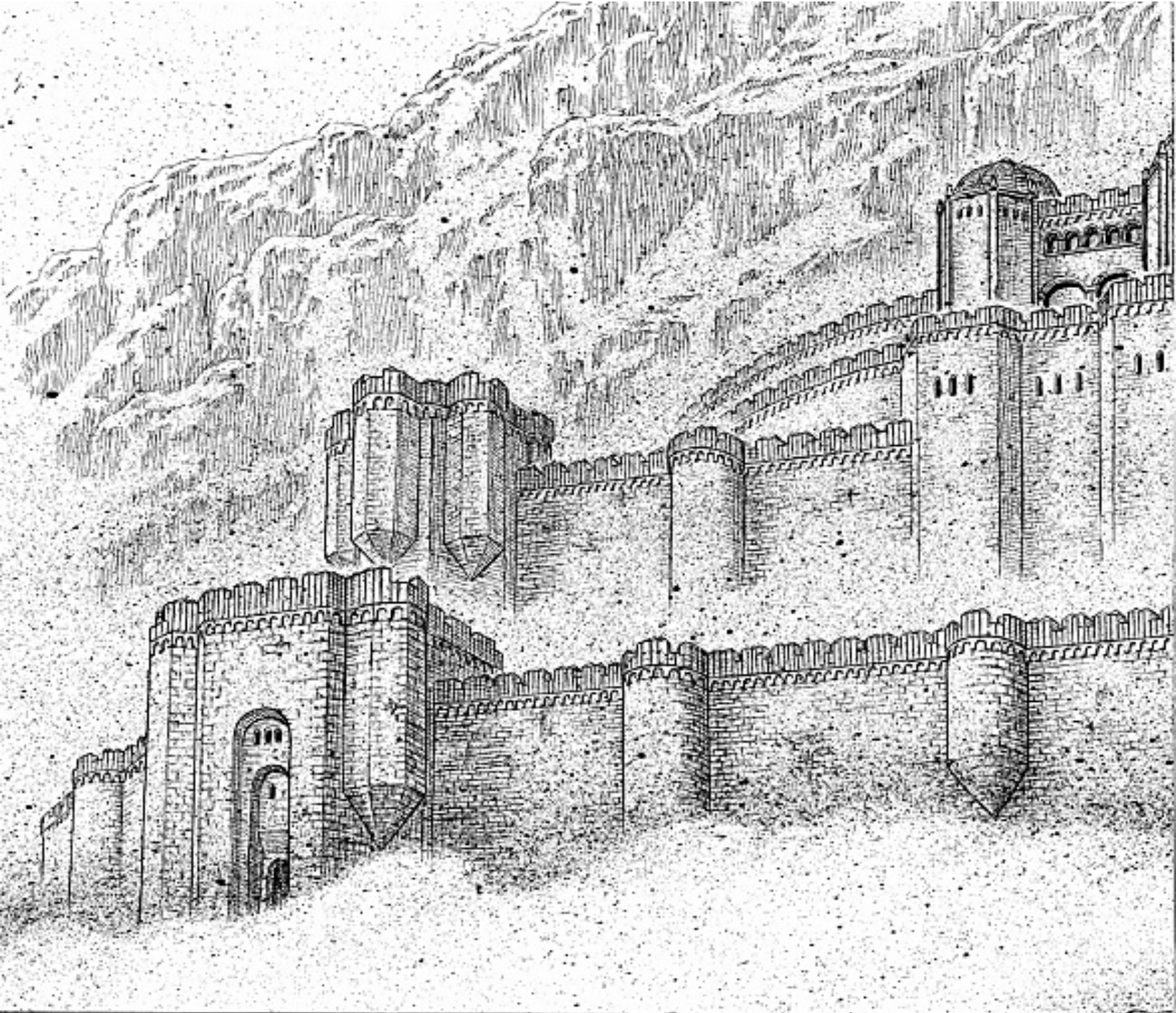
EH?

WHAT'S
WRONG?

NAH
...







WHAT NOW?!

REPORTING!!



IT CAN'T BE!!

....!

THEY'RE CHARGING IN THE DIRECTION OF OUR HEAD-QUARTERS!!

ROUGHLY A THOUSAND RIDERS FROM THE MAIN GATE OF THE ENEMY FORTRESS!!



..BE SO EASILY...
DOLDREY
...IT'S
NIGH
IM-
PREGN-
ABLE...!!

HOW COULD THIS BE?! HOW COULD THE WHITE TIGER KNIGHTS, ONE OF MIDLAND'S TWO GREATEST FORCES...



CHUDER
EMPIRE
STRONG-
HOLD
OF
DOLDREY



A
MESS-
AGE!!



HNNN
...

THE ONLY
UNWOUNDED
MEN LEFT
ARE AT
HEADQUARTERS!!

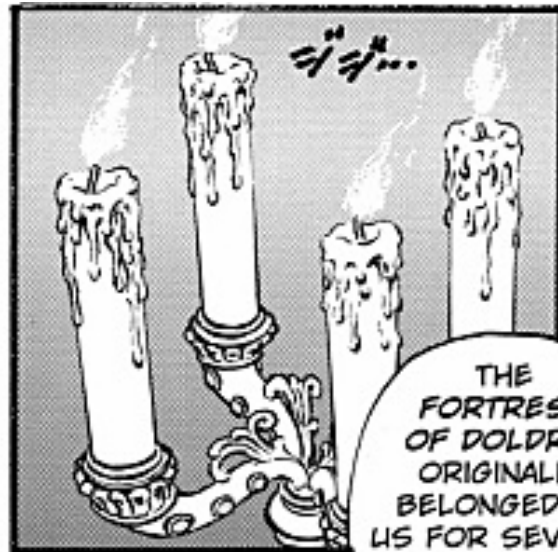
REPORTING!!
OUR ARMY'S
CASUALTIES
ARE VERY
HIGH!!

THE HOLY
PURPLE
RHINO
KNIGHTS!!

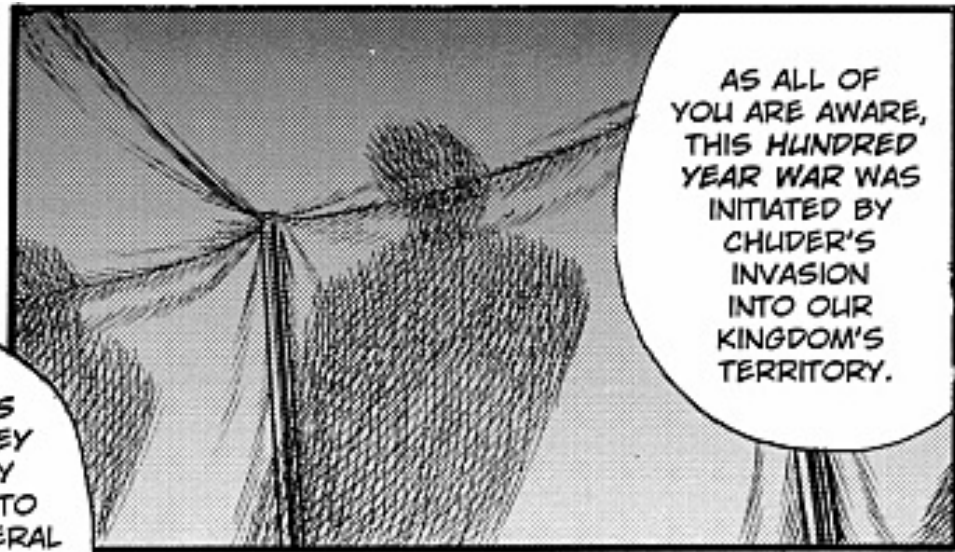
CHUDER'S
MOST
POWERFUL
KNIGHTS...!!



CAMPFIRE OF DREAMS: END



THE
FORTRESS
OF DOLDREY
ORIGINALLY
BELONGED TO
US FOR SEVERAL
HUNDRED YEARS
AND WAS PIVOTAL
IN THE DEFENSE
OF OUR
BORDER.



AS ALL OF
YOU ARE AWARE,
THIS HUNDRED
YEAR WAR WAS
INITIATED BY
CHUDER'S
INVASION
INTO OUR
KINGDOM'S
TERRITORY.



BUT IN THE
HUNDRED YEARS
SINCE IT HAS
FALLEN INTO
CHUDER HANDS,
IRONICALLY
IT HAS BECOME
THE MOST
IMPORTANT BASE
OF OPERATIONS
FOR THEIR
INVASION
AGAINST US.

THE BATTLE FOR DOLDREY, CHAPTER 1



SURELY
THIS IS A
ONE-IN-A-
THOUSAND
CHANCE
FOR US!

WHATEVER MILITARY
MIGHT THE EMPIRE
BOASTS, THEY
SHOULDN'T BE ABLE
TO SPARE THEIR
FULL POTENTIAL
FOR THIS BATTLE!

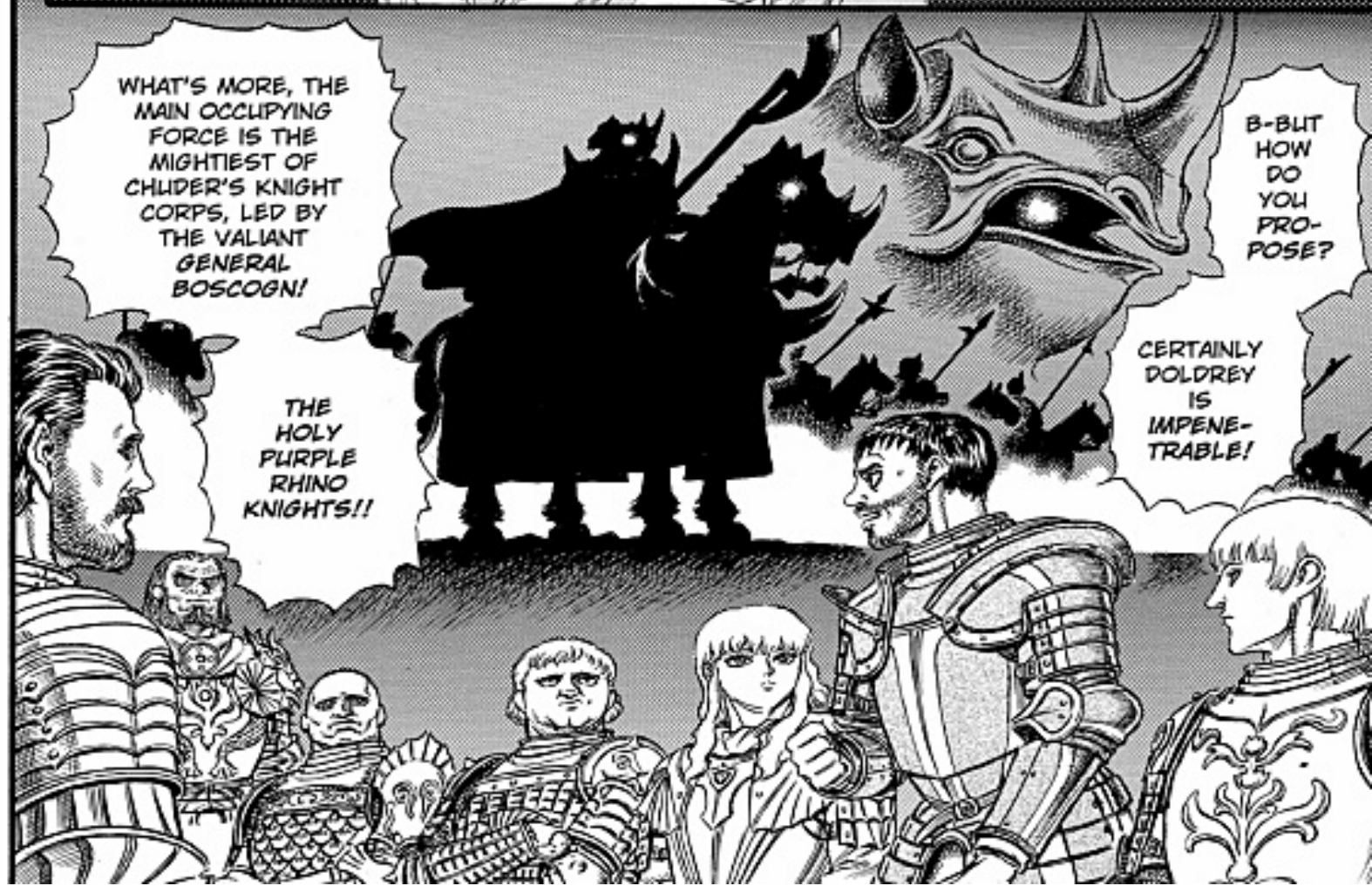


HOWEVER,
CHUDER IS
CURRENTLY
UNDERGOING
A SUDDEN CRISIS
OF INTERNAL
CONFLICT OVER
THE NEXT
SUCCESSION
TO THE
THRONE!



...OUR
LAND WILL
NEVER BE
RECAPTURED!!

IF WE
LET THIS
OPPORTUNITY
SLIP AWAY,
DOLDREY...



WHAT'S MORE, THE
MAIN OCCUPYING
FORCE IS THE
MIGHTIEST OF
CHUDER'S KNIGHT
CORPS, LED BY
THE VALIANT
GENERAL
BOSCOGN!

THE
HOLY
PURPLE
RHINO
KNIGHTS!!

B-BUT
HOW
DO
YOU
PRO-
POSE?

CERTAINLY
DOLDREY
IS
IMPENE-
TRABLE!



TOTAL
WARFARE...


SO IT'S
THE
ONLY
CHOICE...

.....
.....

NOT TO
MENTION THAT THE
WHITE TIGER KNIGHTS,
ONE OF MIDLAND'S
TWO GREATEST FORCES,
COULD NOT TAKE THE
FORTRESS...WHAT A
BITTER DAY OF
DEFEAT!!

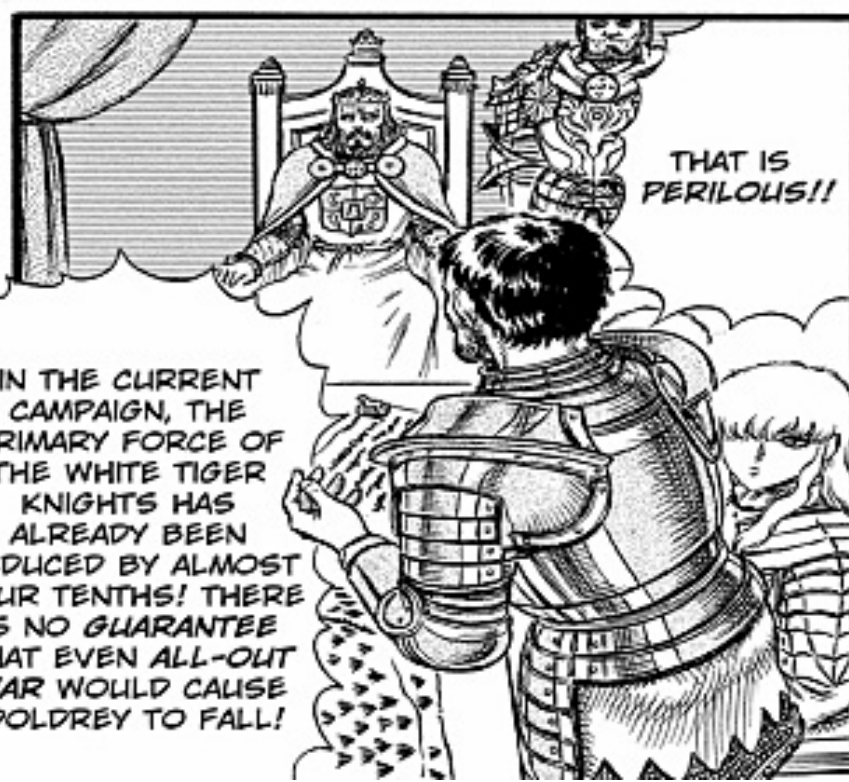


KH...!



MOREOVER, IF THE SIEGE
DRAGS OUT, THE INEVITABLE
RESULT WILL BE A PINCH
ATTACK BY THE ENEMY
WHEN THEIR MAIN
FORCE FLANKS US!

IF WE
AREN'T
CAREFUL,
WE COULD
BE WIPED
OUT!



IN THE CURRENT
CAMPAIGN, THE
PRIMARY FORCE OF
THE WHITE TIGER
KNIGHTS HAS
ALREADY BEEN
REDUCED BY ALMOST
FOUR TENTHS! THERE
IS NO GUARANTEE
THAT EVEN ALL-OUT
WAR WOULD CAUSE
DOLDREY TO FALL!

THAT IS
PERILOUS!!

BUT...NOW THAT
WE'VE LOST THE
WHITE TIGER
KNIGHTS,
WHO--?



IF WE LOOK AT IT
OVERALL, THIS
CAMPAIGN IS A
VICTORY! IS THERE
REALLY ANY REASON
FOR US TO PURSUE
SUCH A DANGEROUS
GAMBIT?



IF WE
WITHDRAW
HERE AND
NOW...

NO!
ALL THE TROOPS
WE'VE ALREADY
DEPLOYED WOULD
HAVE BEEN IN
VAIN! THE FINAL
OBJECTIVE OF THIS
CAMPAIGN HAS
ALWAYS BEEN THE
CAPTURE OF
DOLDREY! FAILING
THAT, THERE'S NO
CHANCE OF
RECLAIMING OUR
TERRITORY!



HOWEVER MUCH OF
A GODSEND YOU'RE
CONSIDERED ON THE
BATTLEFIELD, THERE
ARE SOME THINGS
ONE CAN'T
DO...



I
JEST,
OF
COURSE.

THE VICTOR THAT
YOU ARE, DO YOU
THINK THERE'S
ANYTHING YOU
COULD DO THIS
TIME?

HOW
ABOUT
YOU,
SIR
GRIF-
FITH?

IF I
WERE
SO
ORDERED.





...SO
ORDERED
ME.

IF HIS
MAJESTY...




YOU
COULD
TOPPLE
DOLDREY?

BY YOU,
SIR...?!


YOU
SAY IT
COULD BE
DONE?!

N-NON-
SENSE!!



COUNTLESS DISTINGUISHED
COMMANDERS AND GREAT
GENERALS HAVE ACCEPTED
THE CHALLENGE AND
NOT ONE OF THEM
HAS BEEN ABLE TO
RECAPTURE
DOLDREY!!

NOW,
YOU
SAY
YOU
CAN?!



LISTEN TO ME! DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEA HOW
MANY TIMES IN THE PAST
HUNDRED YEARS THAT
FORTRESS HAS GONE
UNDAUNTED DESPITE
OUR CONSTANT
EFFORTS TO
CAPTURE IT?!



Y...
YOU
DON'T
KNOW
ANY-
THING.

...HA

...HA
HA...



SIR
GRIFFITH.



I
WOULDN'T
DOUBT IT...

PERHAPS IT'S
GONE TO HIS
HEAD A
BIT,
HAMM?

NEVER
LOST A
BATTLE
.....



WAS THAT
SINCERE?



YOU
CANNOT
MEAN YOU
BELIEVE
HIM?!

THEN
EVEN YOU
WOULD--!!

M...
MAJESTY!!

THIS IS
RECKLESS!!
NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
SIR
GRIFFITH
MIGHT--!!



IF WE
FAIL THIS
TIME, THE
DAMAGE
DONE TO
OUR ARMY
WOULD
BE...

NOT EVEN
THE WHITE
TIGER KNIGHTS
COULD ACCOM-
PLISH THIS!!
WHATEVER THE
STRATEGY, AN
ASSAULT ON THAT
FORTRESS IS
IMPOSSIBLE
WITHOUT A
GREAT FORCE
OF ARMS!!



I WILL
REQUIRE
ONLY
**THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK.**

THERE
IS NO
NEED
FOR A
LARGE
FORCE.



DON'T
THINK YOUR
CLEVER
LITTLE PLANS
WILL WORK
FOREVER!!

DON'T PUSH
YOUR LUCK,
YOUNG MAN!!
THE MAIN PATH
OF STRATEGY
IS
CONSISTENTLY
TO CONFRONT
LESS WITH
MORE!!

WITH AT
MOST FIVE
THOUSAND
CAVALRY
...

LUDI-
CROUS!!

...YOU WOULD
TAKE ON THE
FORTRESS'
OCCUPYING
FORCE OF
THIRTY
THOUSAND?!

BEFORE THAT, ALLOWING A SINGLE FORCE TO ATTEMPT A "CLEVER PLAN" SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE MORALE OF THE ENTIRE ARMY.

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COME, WHY
DON'T WE ALLOW
THIS TO PASS
WITHOUT
MAKING
SUCH A FUSS,
GENERAL?

A black and white manga-style illustration of two men in royal attire. The man on the left, wearing a crown and a shield with three stars, says "YOUR DECISION." The man on the right, with a beard and a large feathered collar, responds "MAJESTY."

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NOTHING SAYS
THERE IS NO
CHANCE THIS
CAN...

BESIDES,
UNTIL NOW
THERE HAVE
BEEN MANY
GROUPS OF
ENEMIES OUT-
NUMBERING
THEM THAT
WERE YET
DEFEATED
BY THE BAND
OF THE
HAWK.

DOLDREY
ISN'T SO
SOFT A
TARGET!!

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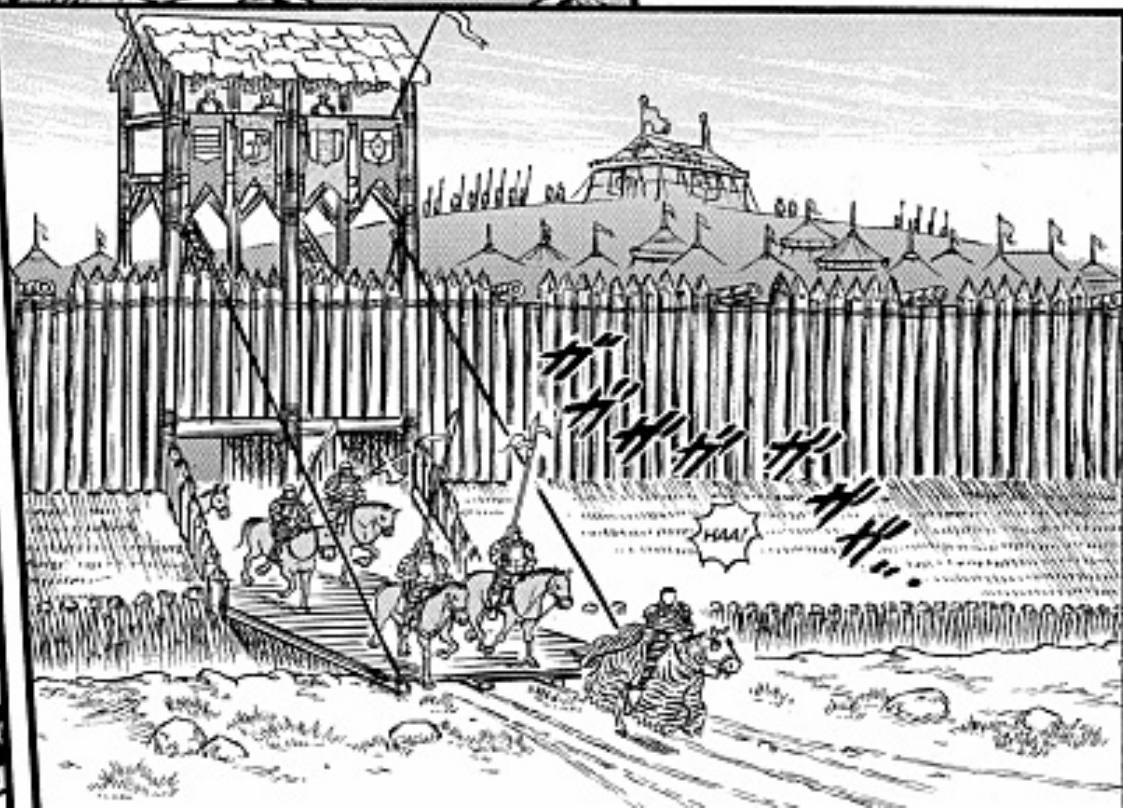
DOLDREY
ISN'T SO
SOFT A
TARGET!!



THE BAND
OF THE
HAWK TO
CAPTURE
DOLDREY!

I
COMMAND...

RELYING SO MUCH
ON SUCH A BOYISH
NEWCOMER LIKE
HIM.....THE DIGNITY
OF MIDLAND'S ARMY
HAS FALLEN TO
THE GROUND!
AND
HIS
MAJES-
TY'S
GONE
SENILE!



I SUPPOSE
THAT'S HOW
IT WOULD
FEEL TO
LOSE YOUR
OWN
FORCES...

AH,
WELL.

...SIR
LABAN.

YOU
REALLY
SEEM TO
HAVE BOUGHT
INTO THE
WHITE
HAWK...

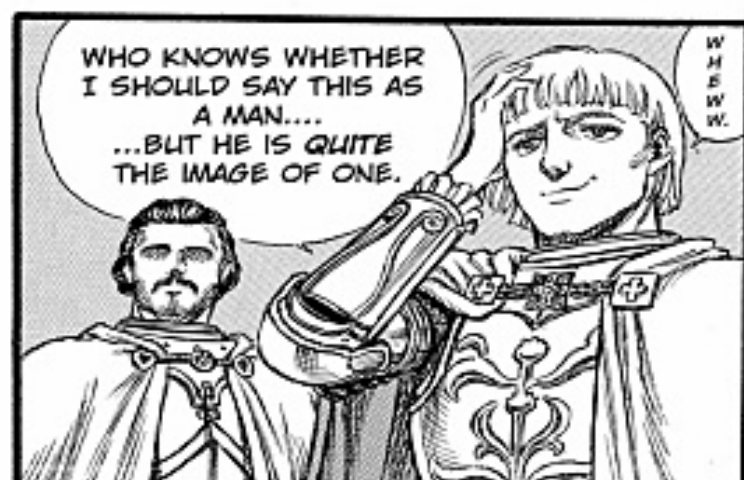
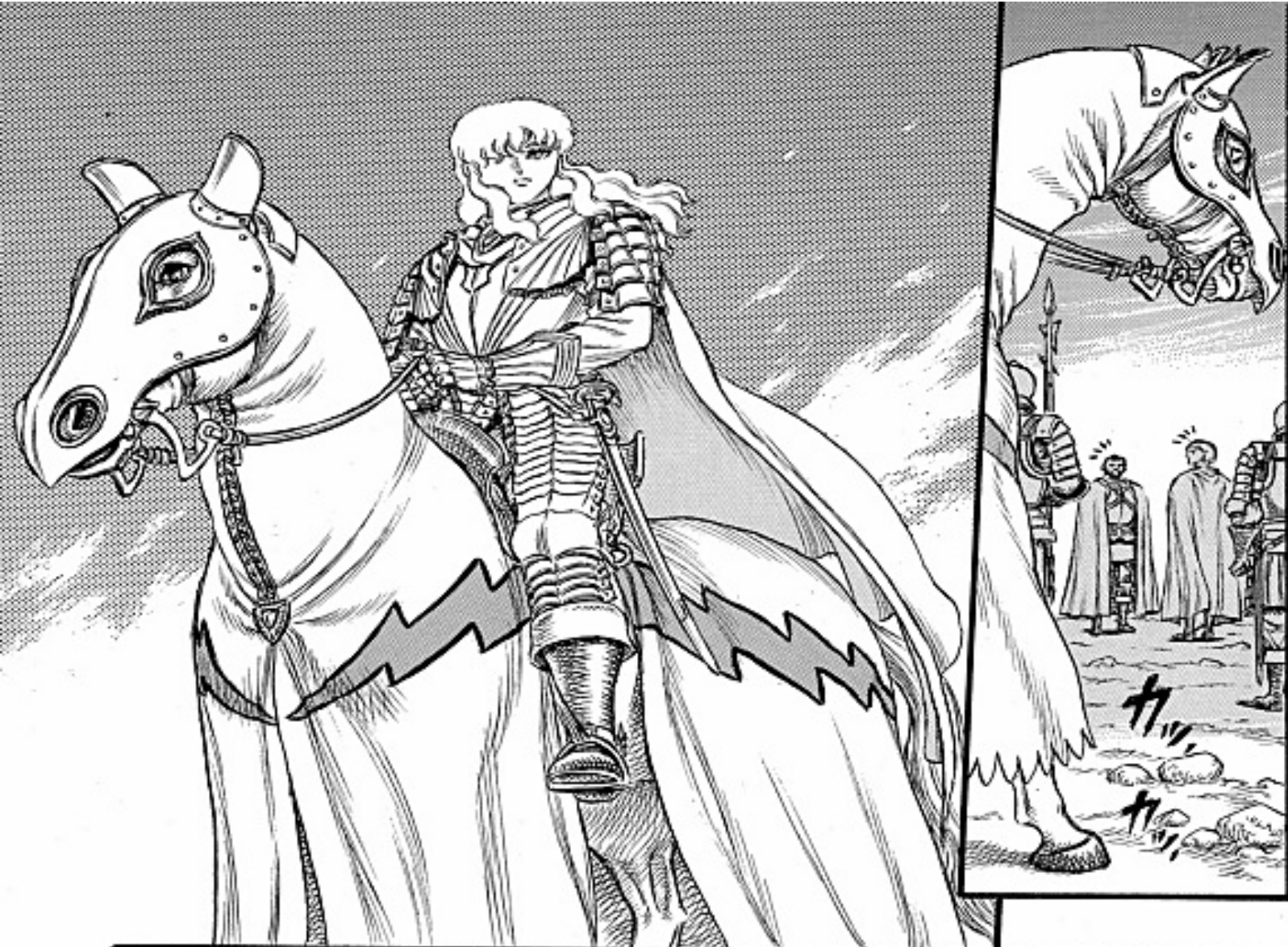
COME, I SIMPLY
STATED THE TRUTH
AS IT STANDS,
SIR OWEN.

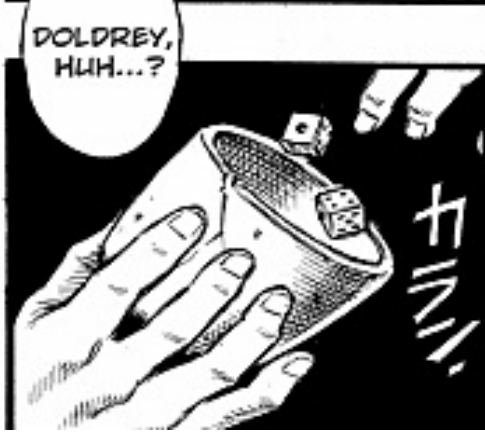
BESIDES,
IF HE CAN'T
DO IT...

CERTAIN-
LY...

...I DOUBT
THERE'S ANYONE
IN MIDLAND
WHO CAN TAKE
DOLDREY.

NOW TO SEE
WHETHER OR
NOT HE LIVES
UP TO YOUR
EXPECTATIONS
THIS TIME.







*THE SOLDIERS ARE PLAYING A GAME CALLED HAN CHOU BAKUCHI. TWO DICE ARE ROLLED. IF THEIR TOTAL COMES UP ODD IT'S HAN, AND IF EVEN IT'S CHOU.

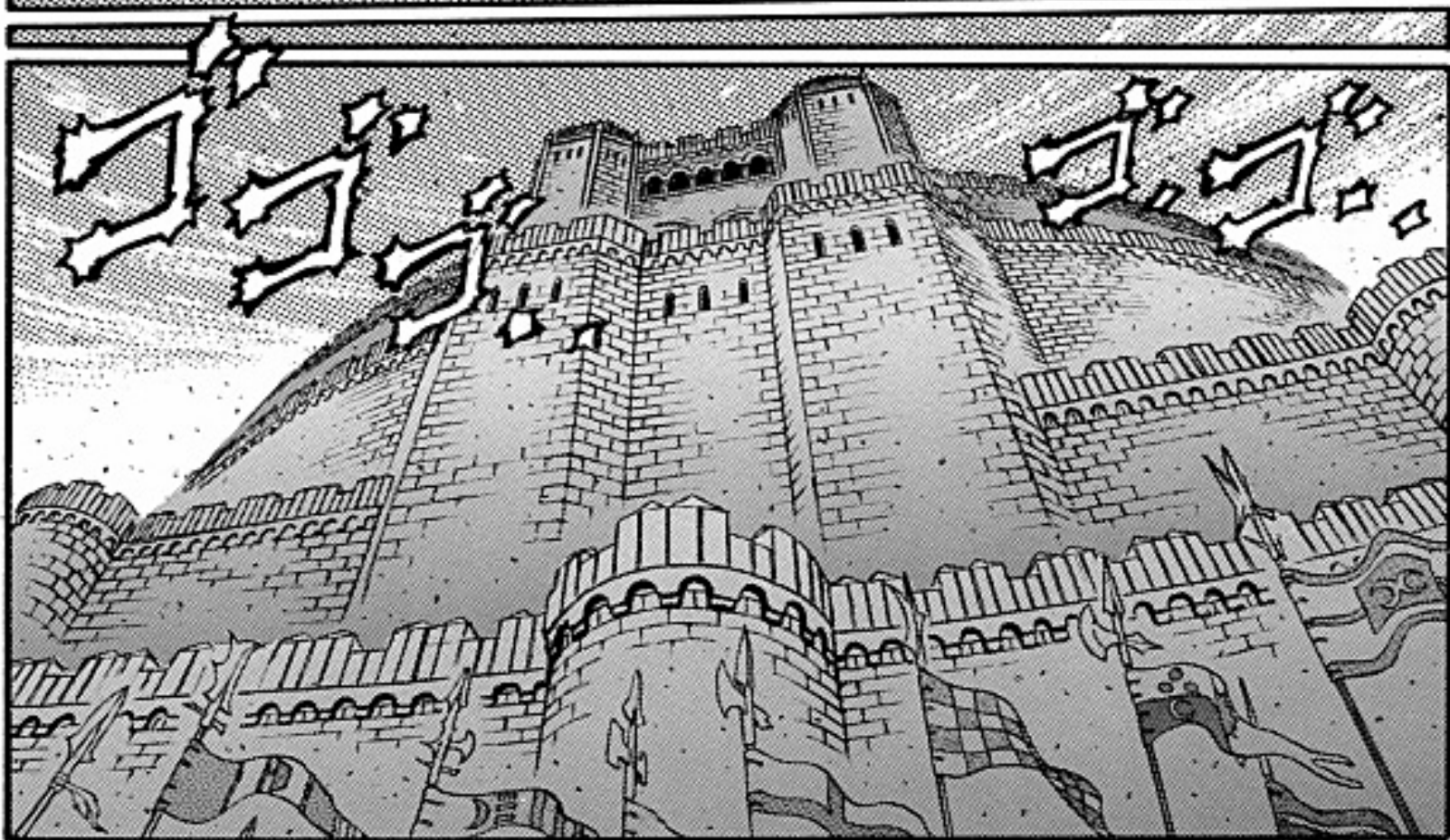


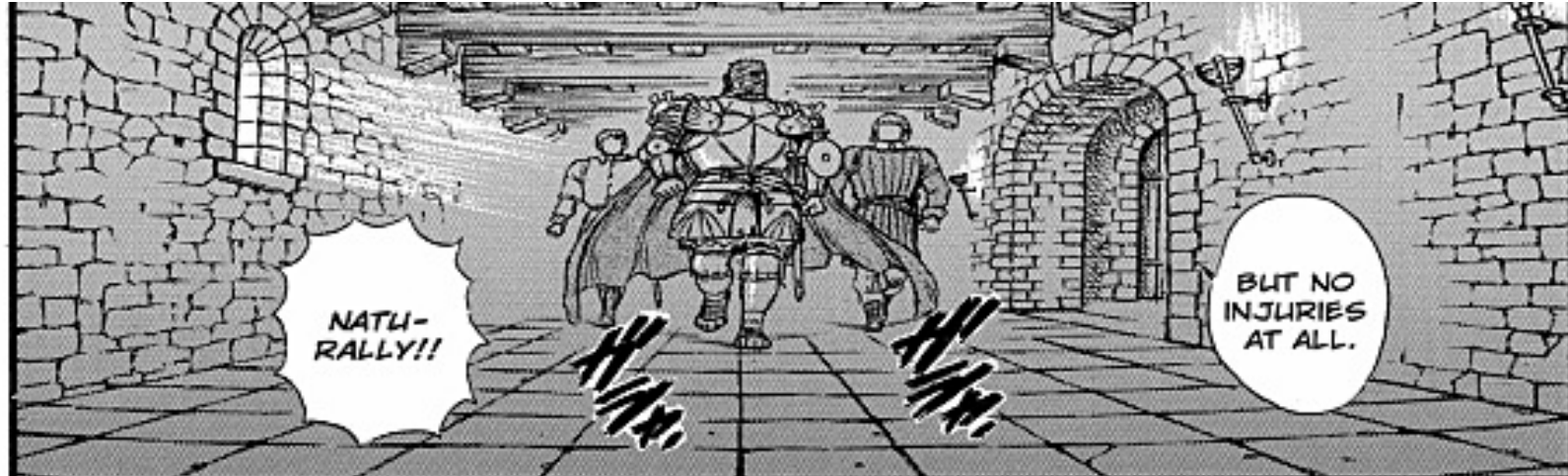




THAT'S
HIS
CURRENT
TITLE.

GOVERNOR-
GENERAL
GENNON,
SUPREME
COMMANDER OF
THE CHUDER
EMPIRE'S
NORTHERN
BATTLE
FRONT.





NATH-
RALLY!!

BUT NO
INJURIES
AT ALL.

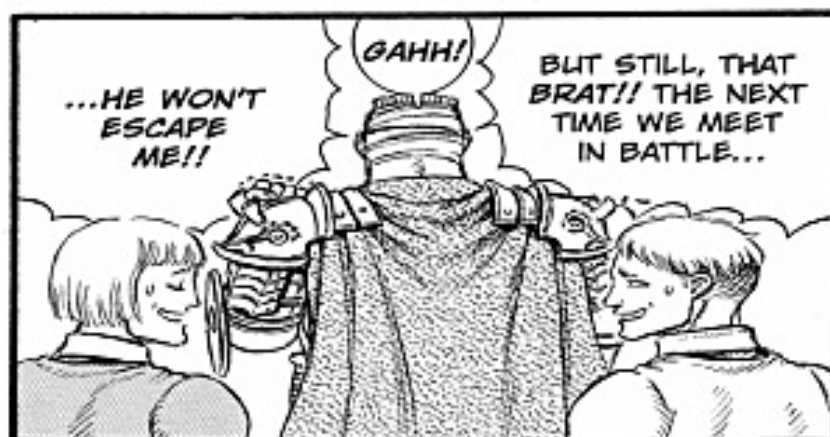


WOULD I
BE BEATEN
THAT
EASILY?!

YOU'RE
DEFINITELY
TENACIOUS.

NWAHA HA HA
HA HA HA...
THAT'S WHY THEY
CALL ME ADON,
THE INVINCIBLE
RESOURCEFUL
GENERAL!!

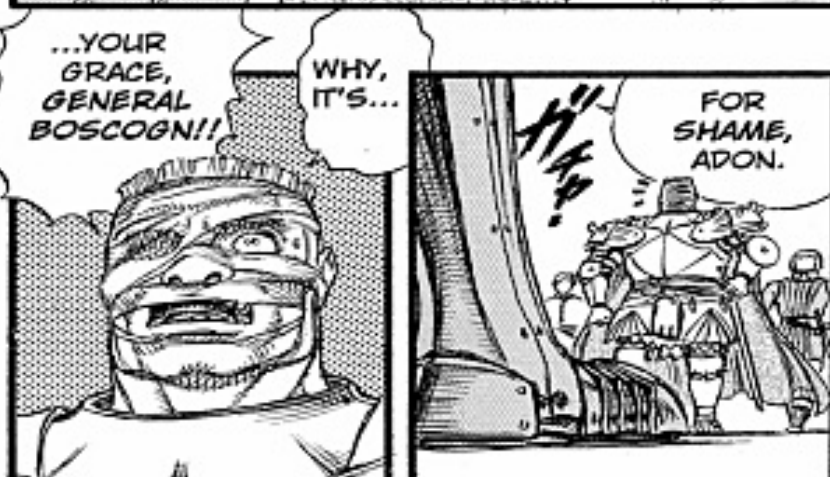
WHO
SAID
THAT?



...HE WON'T
ESCAPE
ME!!

GAHH!

BUT STILL, THAT
BRAT!! THE NEXT
TIME WE MEET
IN BATTLE...



...YOUR
GRACE,
GENERAL
BOSCOGN!!

WHY,
IT'S...


FOR
SHAME,
ADON.



WITH THE SECRET TECHNIQUE PASSED
DOWN THROUGH MY COBORLWITZ FAMILY
FOR SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS,
KASSATSH JIZAI (PLAYING DEAD)
AT MY DISPOSAL, I HAD NO
TROUBLE DECEIVING HIS EYES!!

EHEH
HEH
HEH!...





...BUT YOUR
YOUNGER
BROTHER
SAMSON LOST
HIS LIFE, AND
YOU DARE
TO RETURN
ALONE IN
DISHONOR...

NOT
ONLY HAVE
YOU SUFFERED
THE DISGRACE
OF LEADING
AN ENTIRE
MERCENARY
TROOP TO
THEIR DEATHS
FOR THE SAKE
OF SETTLING A
GRUDGE...

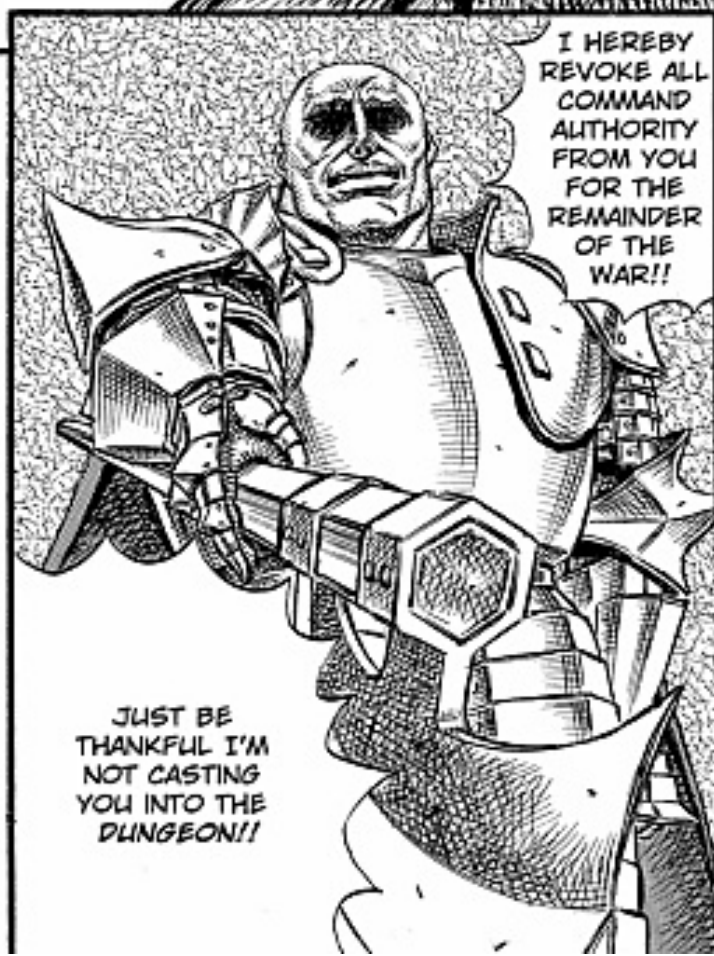


THAT
WAS
JUST--

N-NO,
YOUR
GRACE.

INEXCUS-
ABLE!!

EEE
?!



I HEREBY
REVOKE ALL
COMMAND
AUTHORITY
FROM YOU
FOR THE
REMAINDER
OF THE
WAR!!

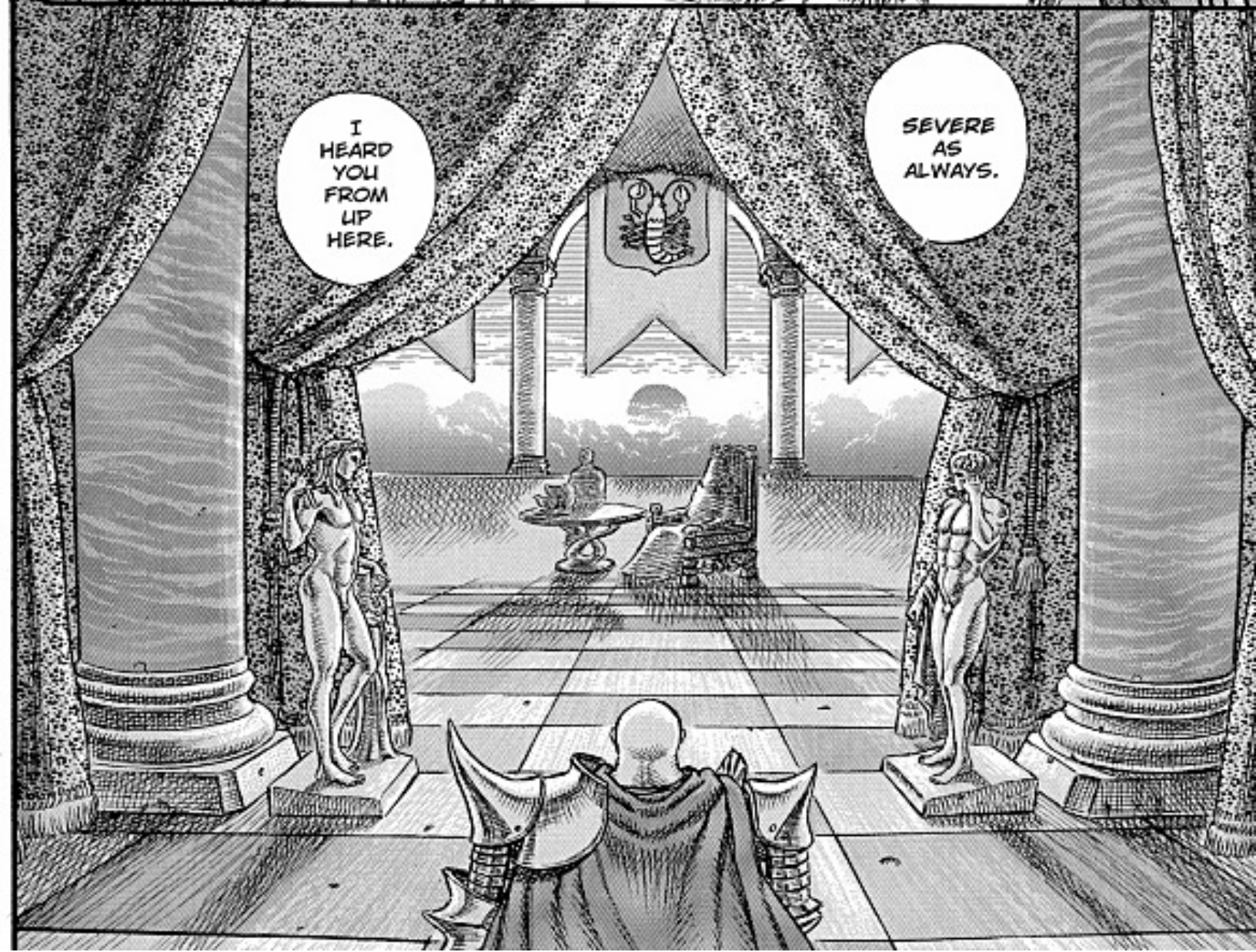
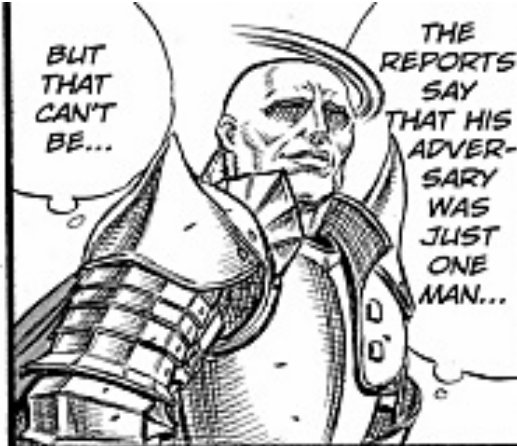
JUST BE
THANKFUL I'M
NOT CASTING
YOU INTO THE
DUNGEON!!

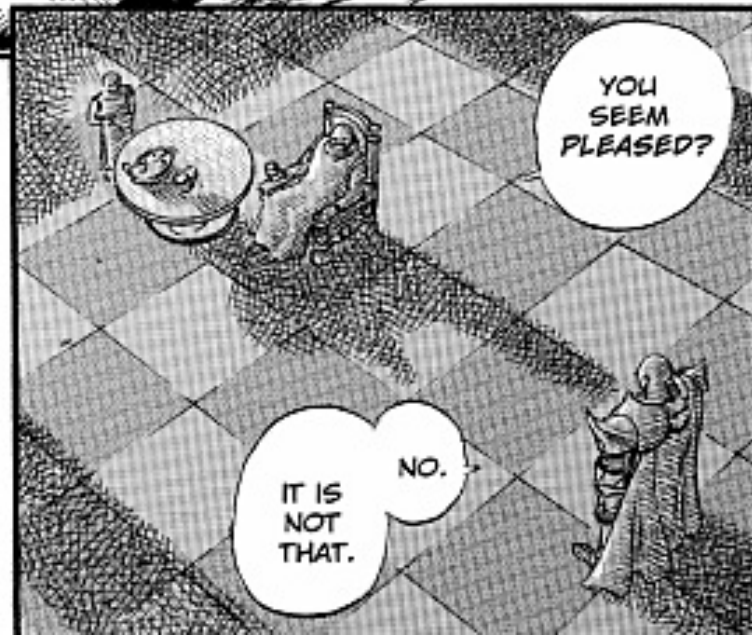
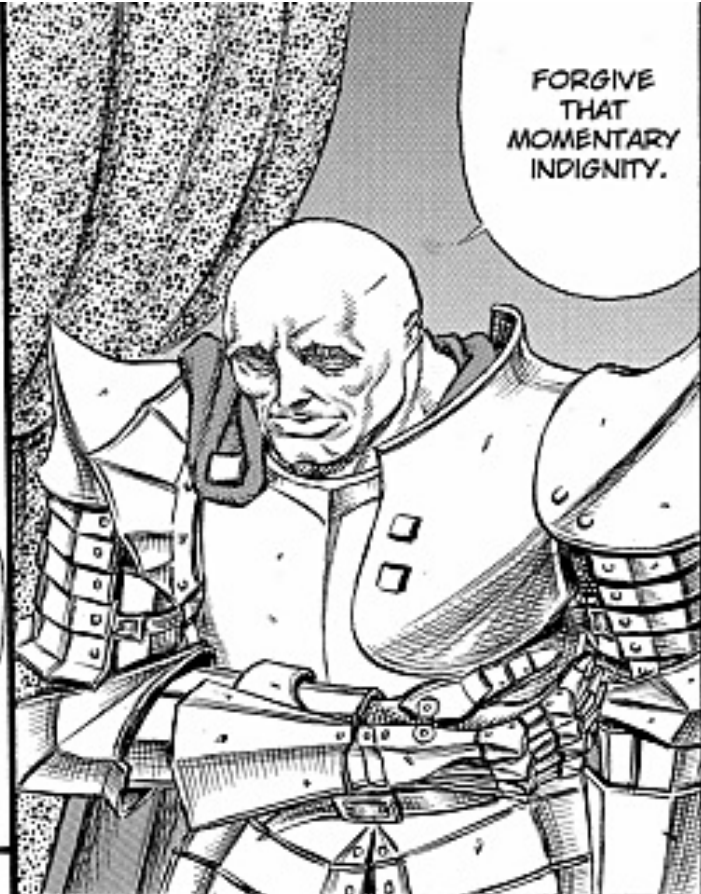


...SIR
ADON!!



ANGHAA
...





...AND
BRING
HIM
BE-
FORE
ME.

TAKE
HIM
ALIVE
...

THE
LEADER
OF THE
HAWKS,
THE
WHITE
HAWK...

...YOU
MUSTN'T
KILL
HIM.

BUT
SIR,
WHAT--?

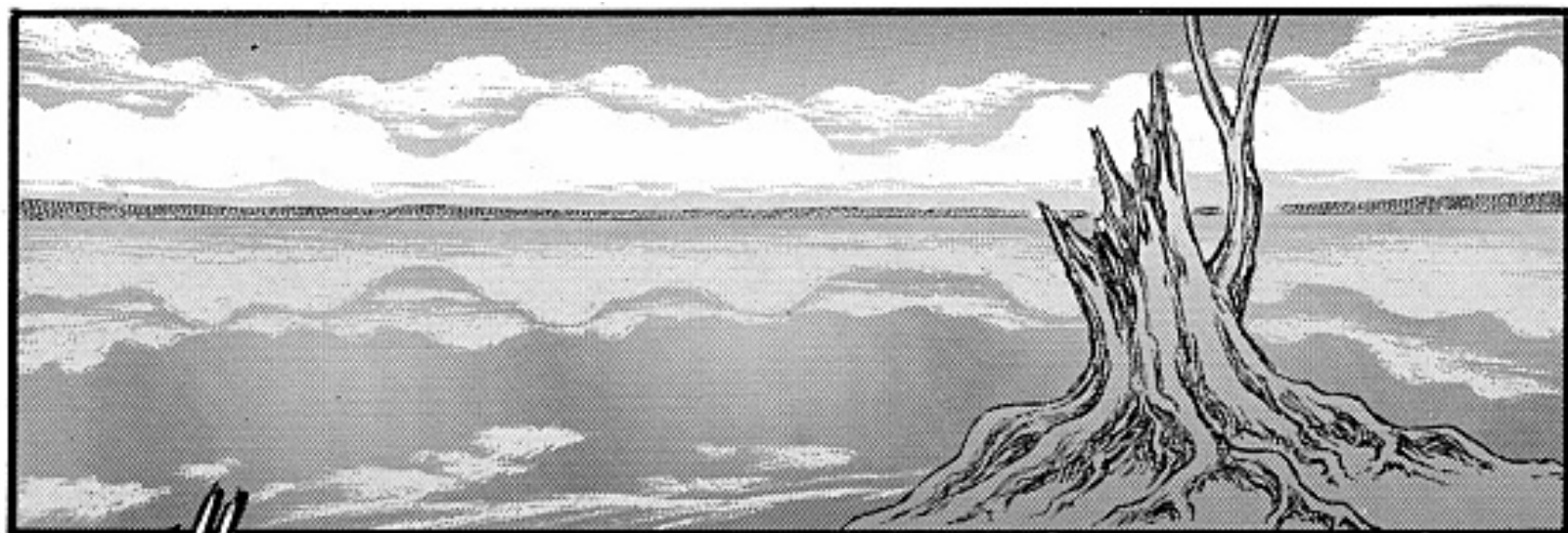
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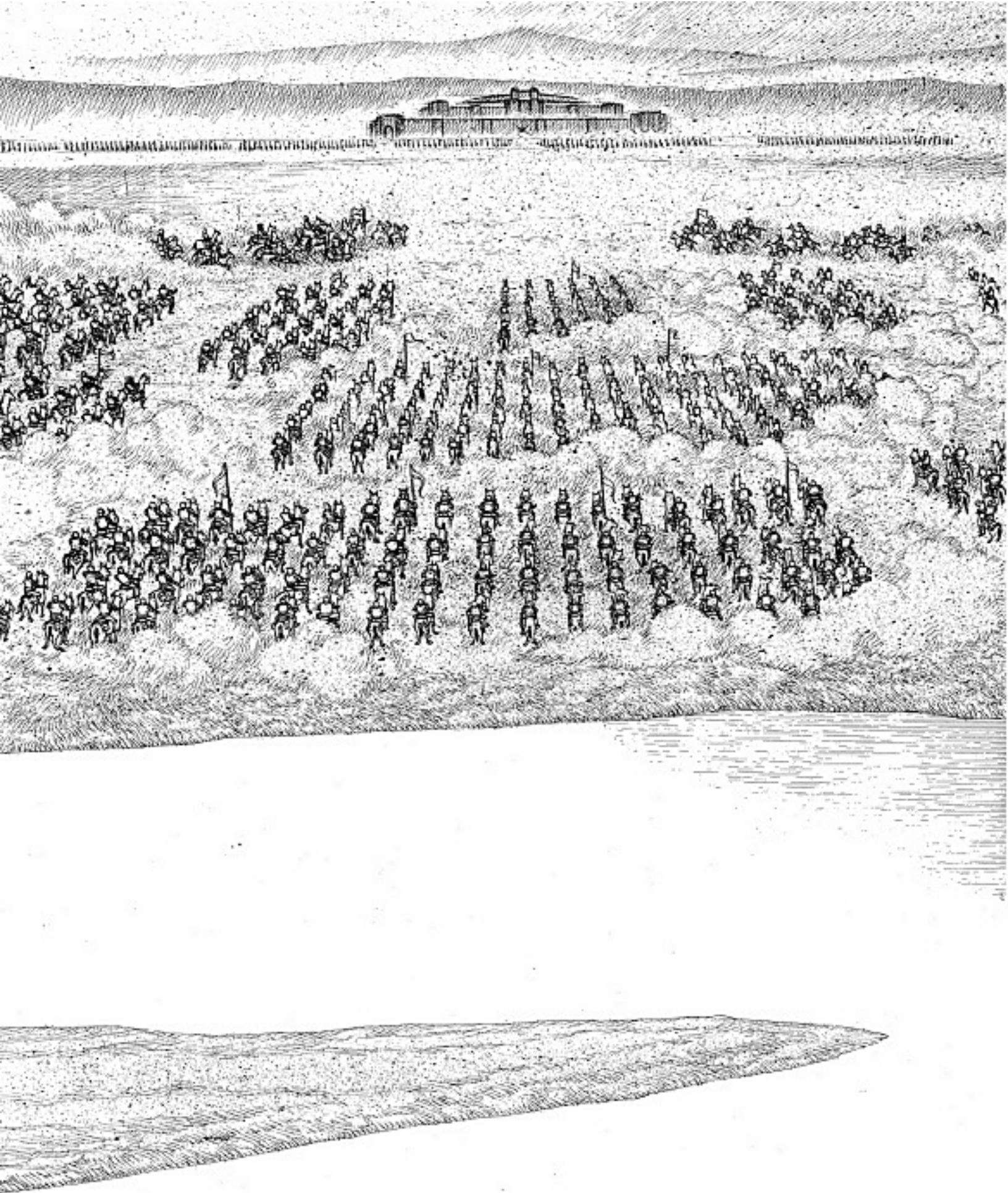
SIR?

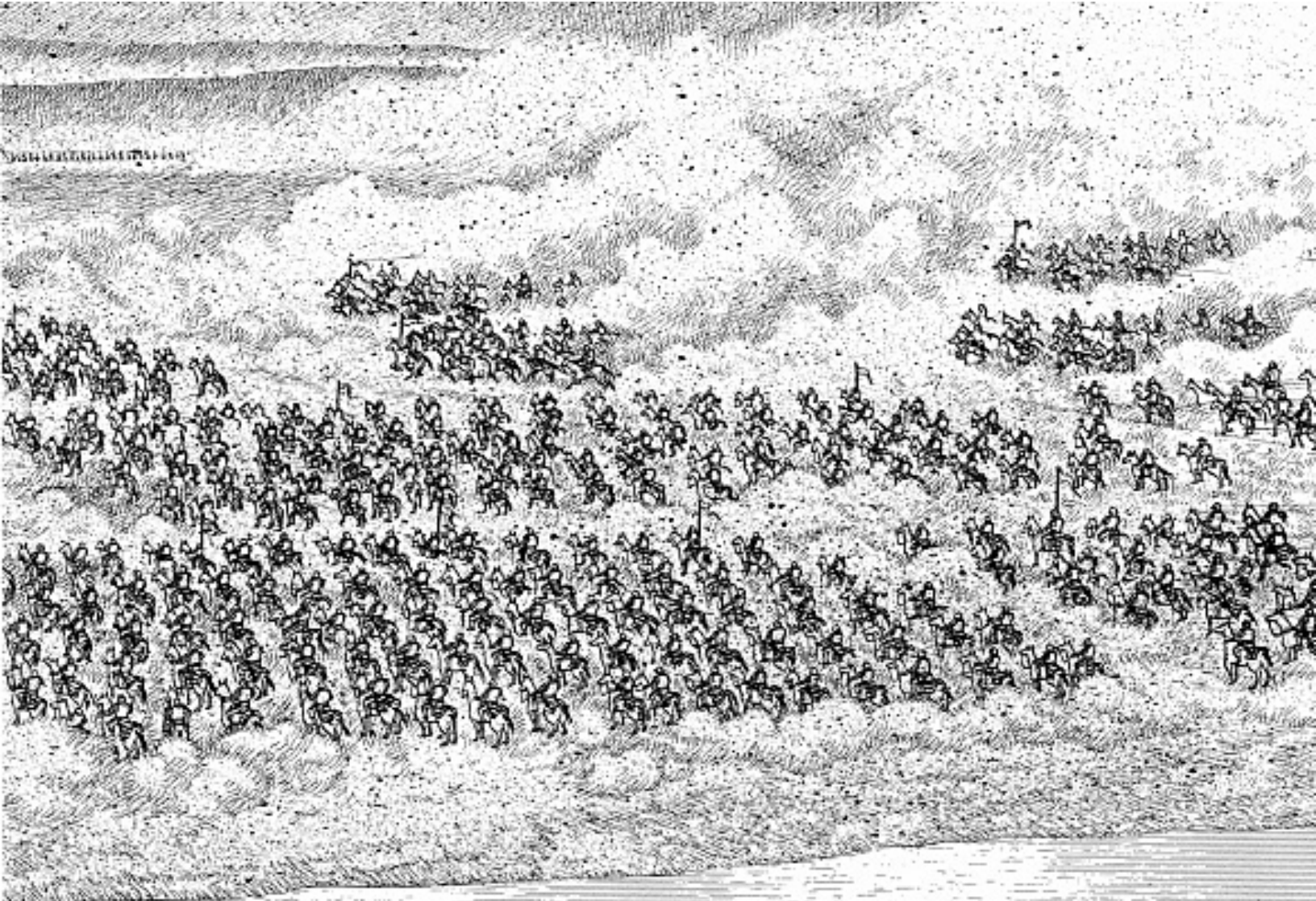
BY THE
WAY...
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I MUST
TELL YOU
BEFORE
THE BATTLE
BEGINS.

IT'S YOUR
GOVERNOR'S
COMMAND.

AM I
CLEAR?







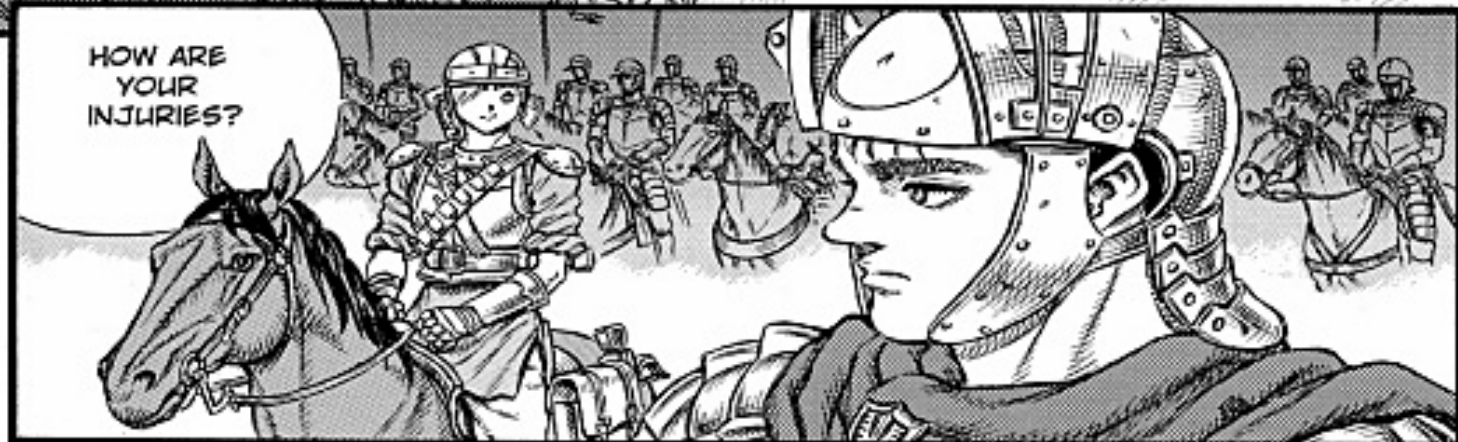
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THE BATTLE FOR DOLDREY, CHAPTER 2



HOW ARE
YOUR
INJURIES?



STILL THOUGH,
THE MORE I LOOK
AT THAT THE MORE
I WANT TO
GO HOME.



IT
REALLY
BEWILDERED
THE
DOC.
THANKS,
MAN.



YEAH, THEY'VE
JUST ABOUT
CLOSED UP.
THAT STUFF 'A
YOURS WAS
NO JOKE.

オオオオオオオオオオオオ

AND WITH THAT CLIFF
BEHIND IT AND A BASIN
IN CLEAR VIEW IN FRONT,
IT'S NO WONDER IT'S
BEEN SAFE FOR A
HUNDRED YEARS.

ITS
WALLS ARE
TWO TIMES
HIGHER AND
THICKER
THAN MOST.



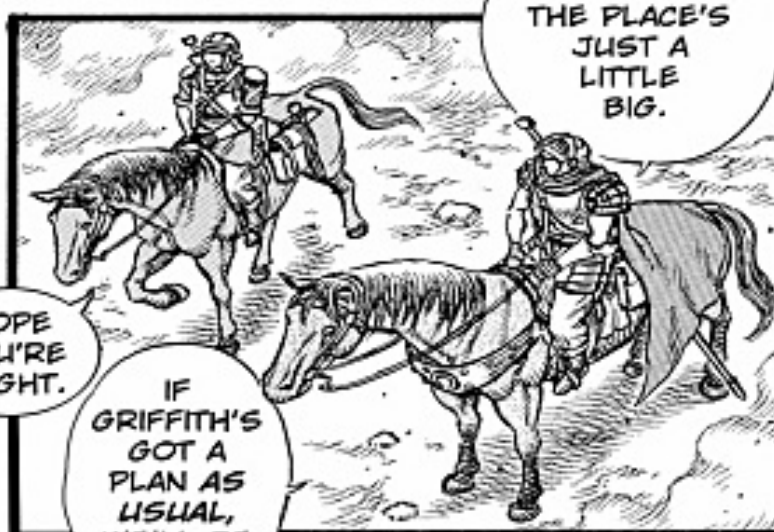
EVEN
SO...

HOPE
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



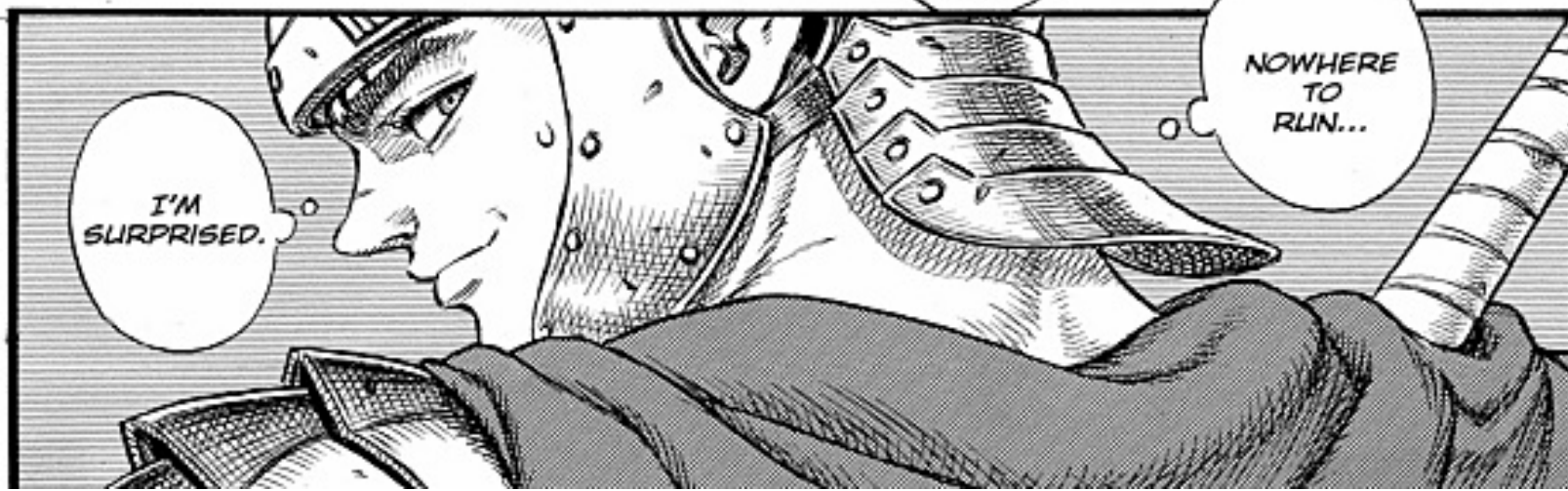
TALK
ABOUT
BAD
NEWS...
CRIPES!

TO TOP
IT OFF, IT'S
GUARDED
BY THOSE
RHINO
KNIGHTS.



NO PROBLEM,
THE PLACE'S
JUST A
LITTLE
BIG.

IF
GRIFFITH'S
GOT A
PLAN AS
USUAL,
WE'LL BE
FINE.



I'M
SURPRISED.

NOWHERE
TO
RUN...



WHAT'S
HE
PLANNING?

THE
WHITE
HAWK.

I SHALL
SIMPLY
CONFRONT
HIM
HEAD-ON.

VERY WELL.
HOWEVER HE'S
CALCULATED HIS
PLAN, THEIR
NUMBERS WILL
ONLY LAST
SO LONG IN
THE END.

NO, RATHER, A MEDIOCRE
OFFICER WOULD BE INCAPABLE
OF ACCOMPLISHING SUCH AN
APPARENTLY FOOLISH
PRETENSE...

PLACING
HIS MEN
WITH THEIR
BACKS TO
THE RIVER.
KNOWS HE
NOTHING OF
STRATEGY?



...I HAVEN'T
THE TIME TO
DEAL WITH THE
GOVERNOR'S
PETTY,
VULGAR
TASTES.

I AM NO
MORE THAN
A MAN OF ARMS,
AND MY MISSION
IS EVER SIMPLY
TO DEFEAT THE
ENEMY!!
WHETHER THE
ENEMY GENERAL
LIVES OR DIES
IS THE FORTUNE
OF THE MOMENT.



HOW-
EVER...



OR
ELSE...

THE
GOVERNOR'S
PARTIALITY...
IS THERE
SOME
SORT OF
CONNECTION
BETWEEN
THOSE
TWO?



WHAT
SPLENDID
FORTUNE.

TO THINK
THAT I
WOULD LIVE
TO MEET
HIM BY
CHANCE
ONCE
MORE...



HAHM,
THE
WHITE
HAWK...

WORTH
THE
VALUE
OF HIS
WEIGHT
IN GOLD...

AN
INTOXI-
CATING
PHANTOM.

HE IS
FINE
WINE...

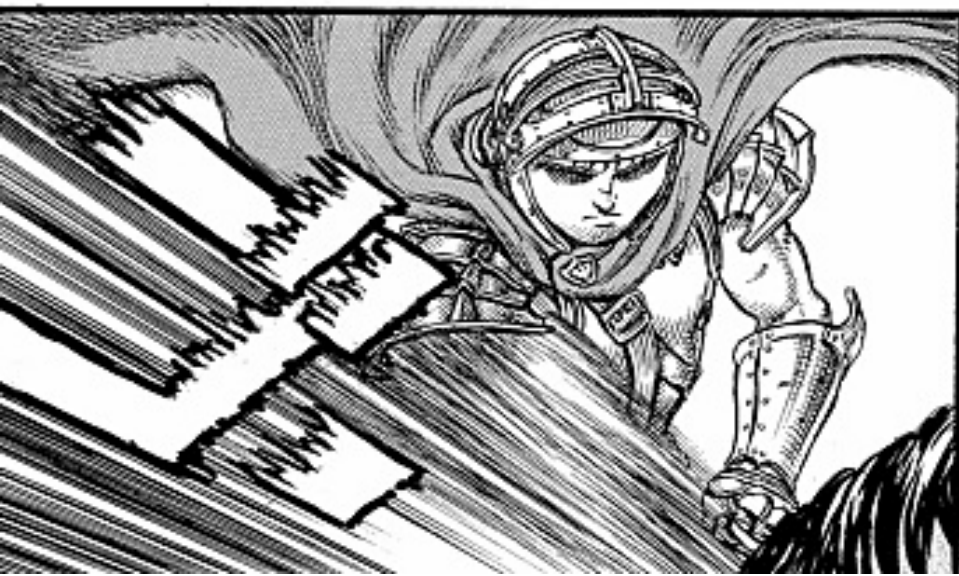
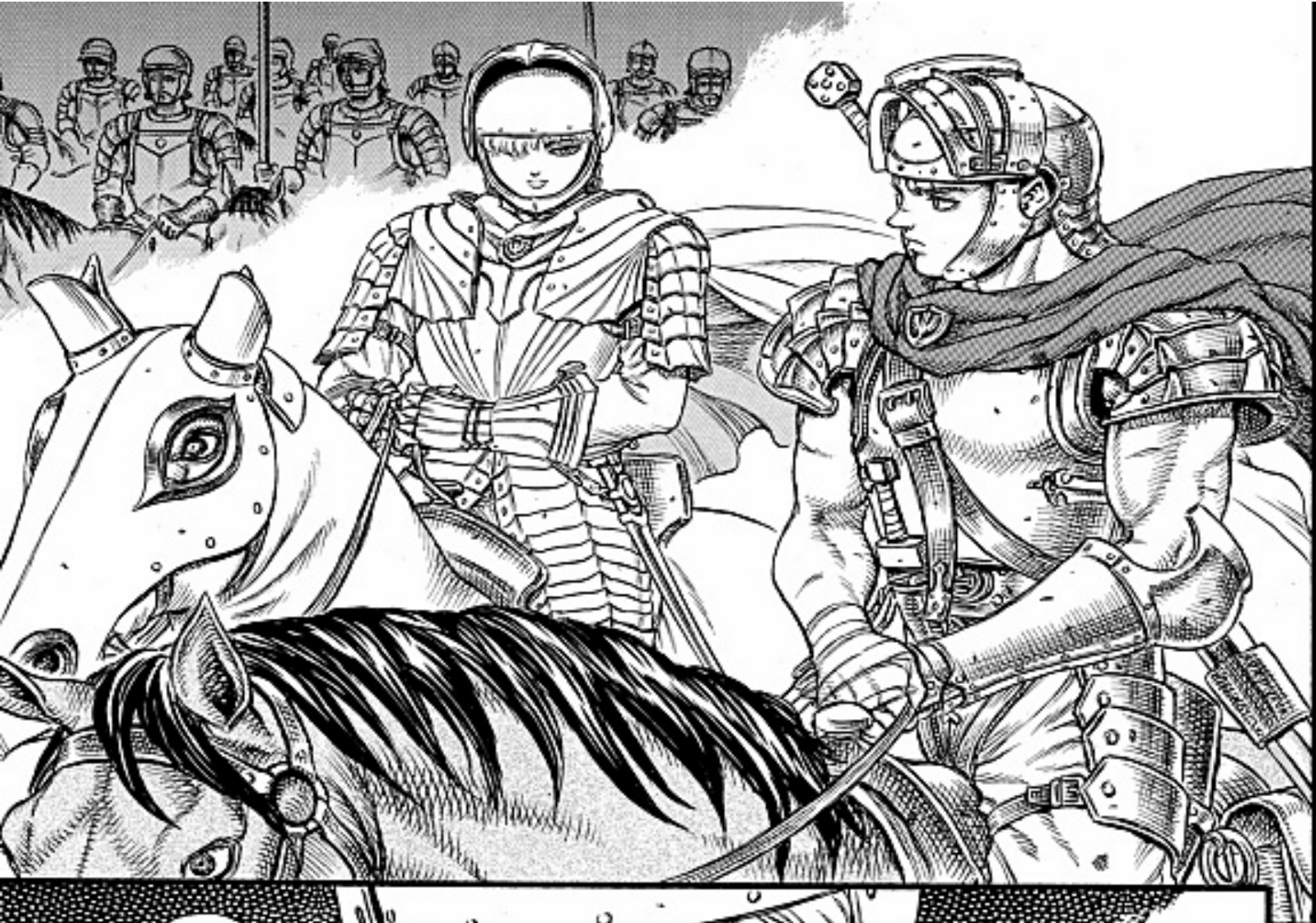
THAT
ONE
NIGHT...
EVEN
NOW I
CAN'T
FORGET.

I SWEAR
I WILL
HAVE YOU
ONCE MORE,
LOVER.

THE
BURNS
OF THAT
NIGHT STILL
DO NOT
HEAL.

IT'S ALL
PART OF
THE PLAN.

THAT'S ONE
HELL OF
A DUST
STORM...





I
JUST
HOPE...
...HE
STAYS
CALM
AND
COMPOSED.



NOT
SOMETHIN'
LIKE
THAT.

THAT'D
NEVER
HAPPEN
WITH
HIM.....

WHPH.

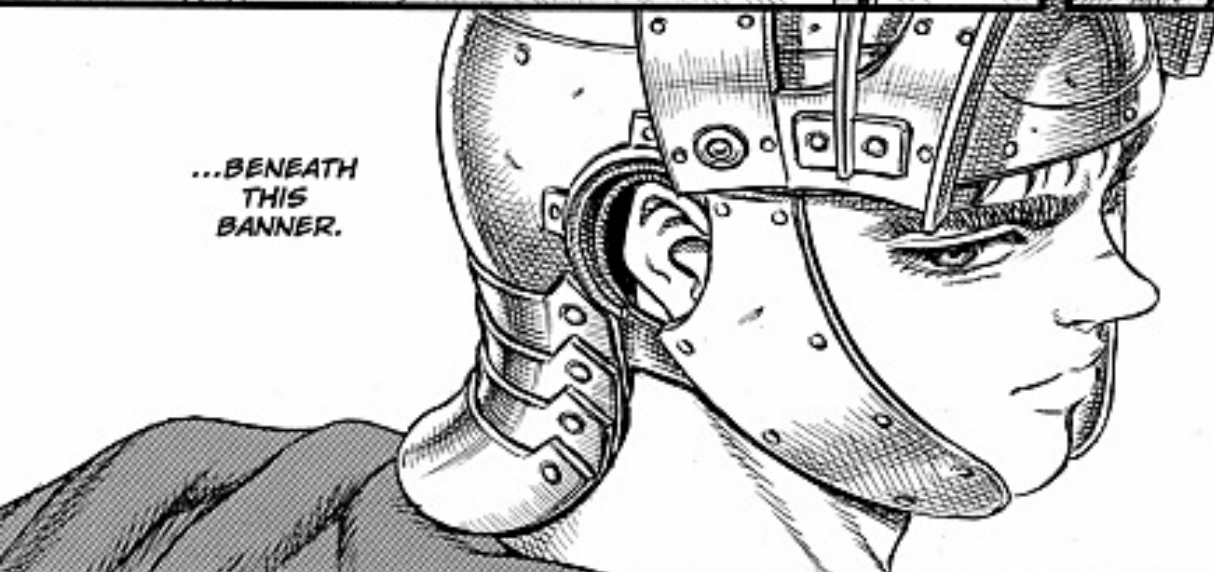


...IS
THE
END.

THIS...

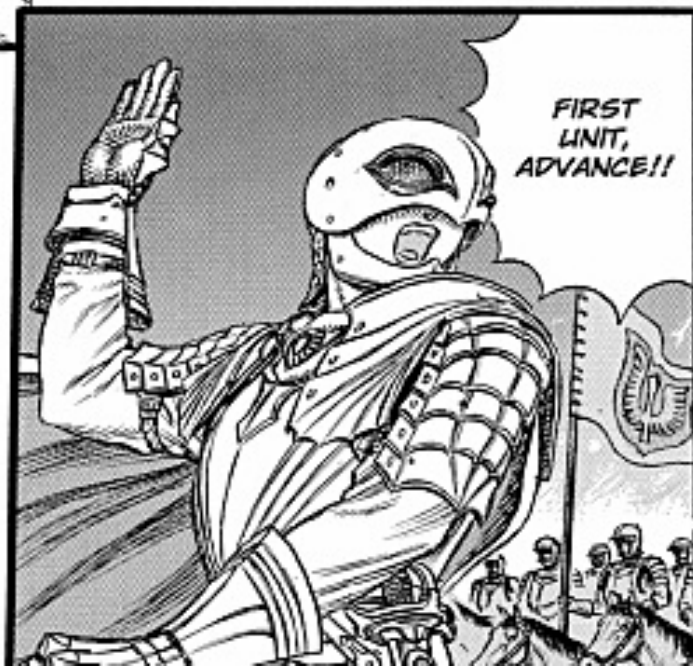
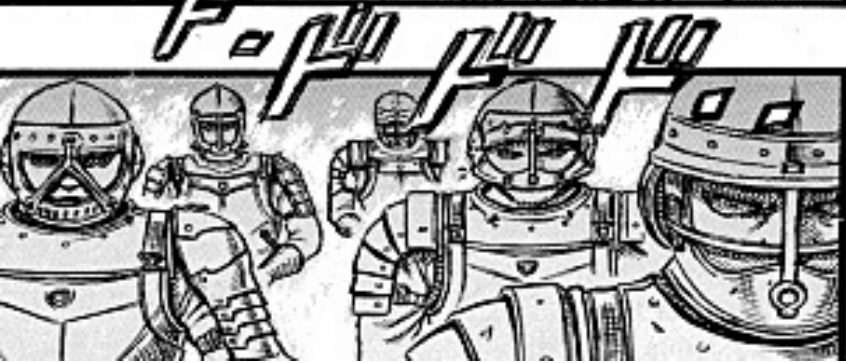


...



...BENEATH
THIS
BANNER.

IT'S
PROBABLY
THE LAST
TIME I
SWING MY
SWORD...



FIRST
UNIT,
ADVANCE!!

I GO
INTO
BATTLE AS
CAPTAIN OF
THE HAWK'S
RAIDERS.

...I'LL
KEEP
IT
TOGETHER!!!

BUT...

NOTHING
ELSE!!

DRAW
SWORDS!!





BUT TO CHALLENGE THE HOLY
PURPLE RHINO KNIGHTS
PERSONALLY WITH AT MOST
TWO THOUSAND BEHIND HIM...
IT'S LIKE THE HARE LEAPING
INTO THE TIGER'S MOUTH!!



THE FOOL!
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT KIND OF
TRICK HE MEANS
TO PULL!!

ALL TROOPS
FORWARD!!!
DESTROY THE
ENEMY'S FIRST
WAVE!!!

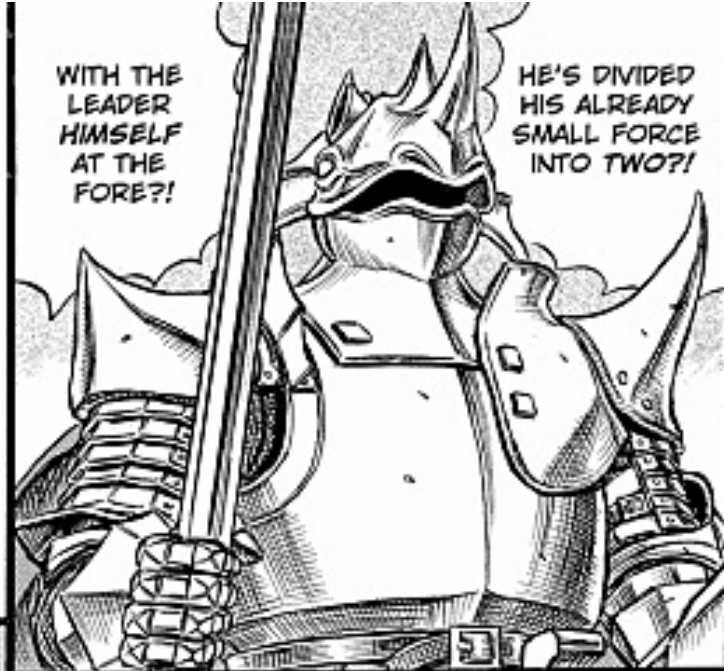


SO BE
IT!! WE
WILL
MEET
YOU!!



WITH THE
LEADER
HIMSELF
AT THE
FORE?!

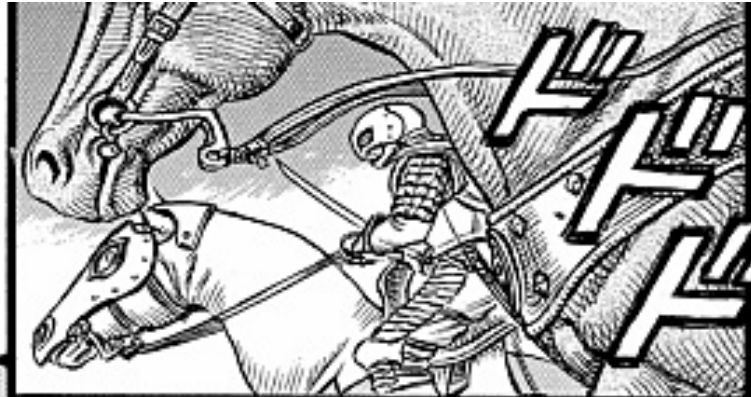
HE'S DIVIDED
HIS ALREADY
SMALL FORCE
INTO TWO?!

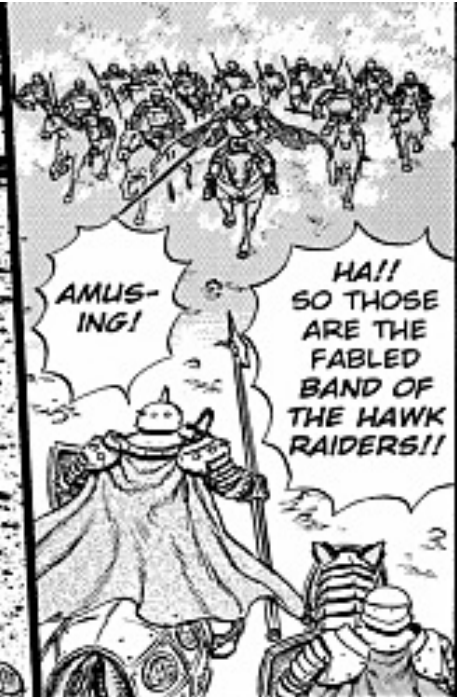


!

THE ENEMY
IS MOVING!!
THE VANGUARD
IS A FORCE ABOUT
TWO THOUSAND
STRONG,
DIRECTLY CON-
TROLLED
BY
GRIFFITH!!







AMUS-
ING!

HA!!
SO THOSE
ARE THE
FABLED
BAND OF
THE HAWK
RAIDERS!!

WE ARE THE FOREMOST UNIT
OF THE HOLY PURPLE RHINO
KNIGHTS, WHOSE
CHARGE HAS
NEVER ONCE
BEEN HALTED!!



YOU'RE
NO
MATCH
FOR--









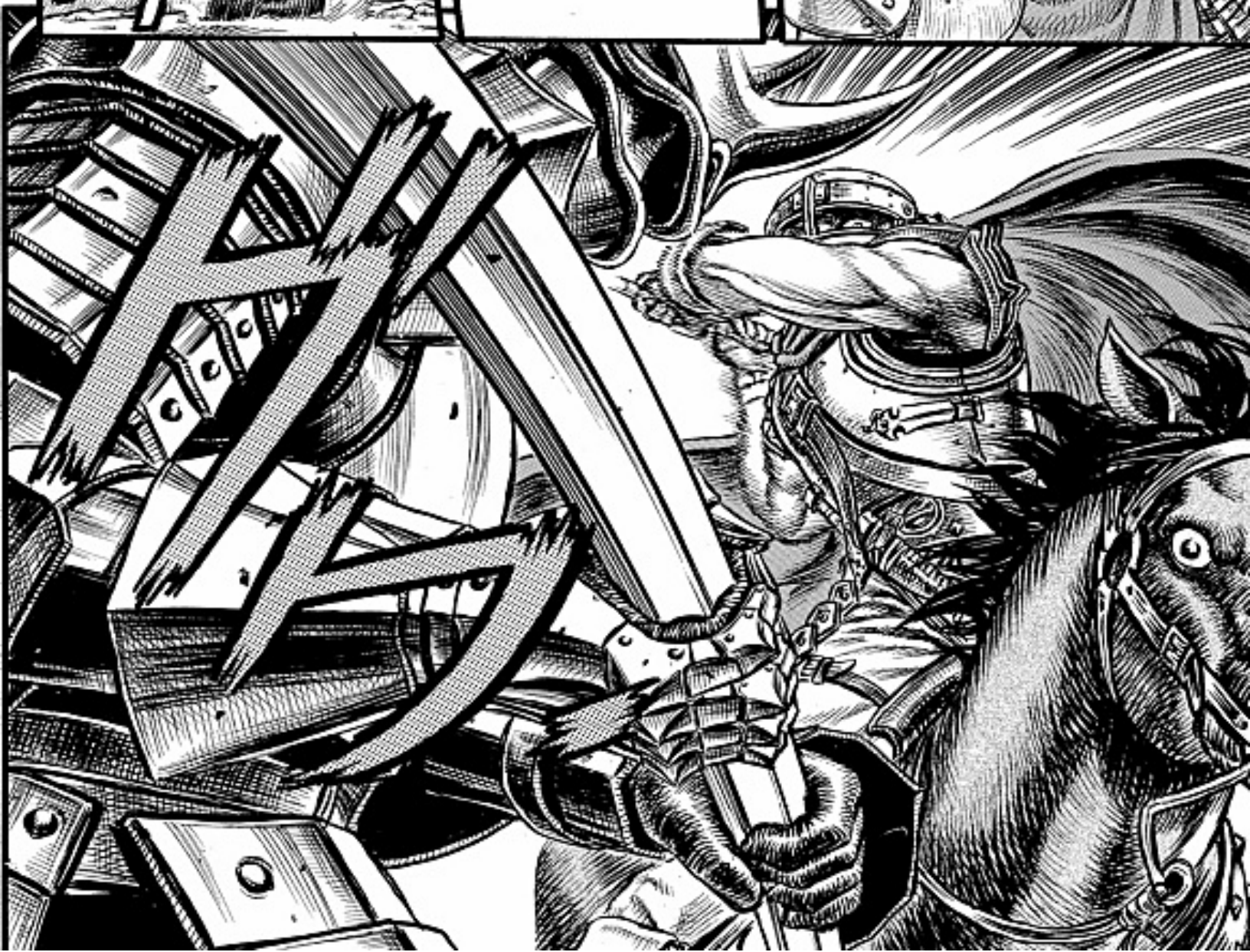
ONE STRONG
PUSH TO THE
CENTER TO KILL
THE GENERAL...
SO THAT'S
HIS SCHEME!!



TH-THEY
AREN'T
STOPPING!!

ONE OF
THE ENEMY
UNITS IS
BREAKING
THROUGH
TO OUR
CENTER!!

HN?!





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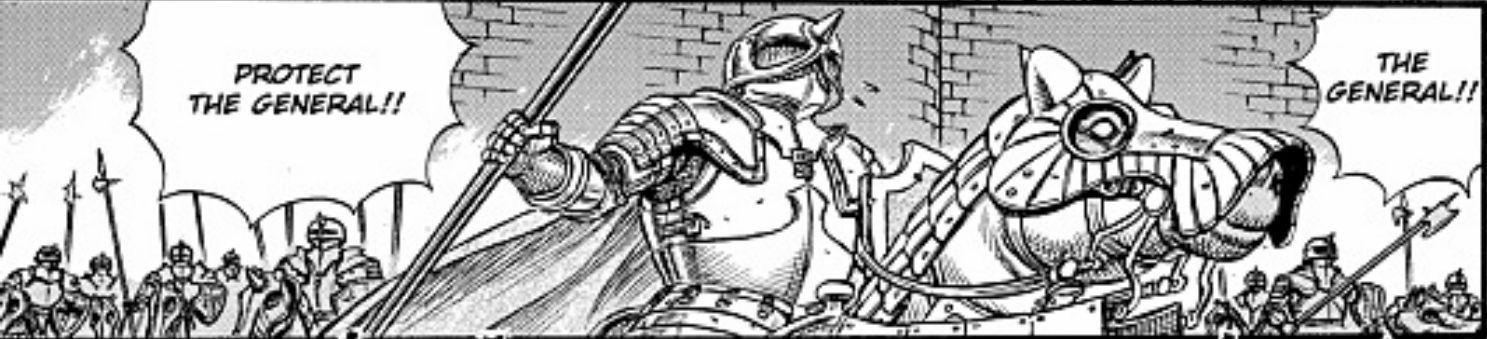
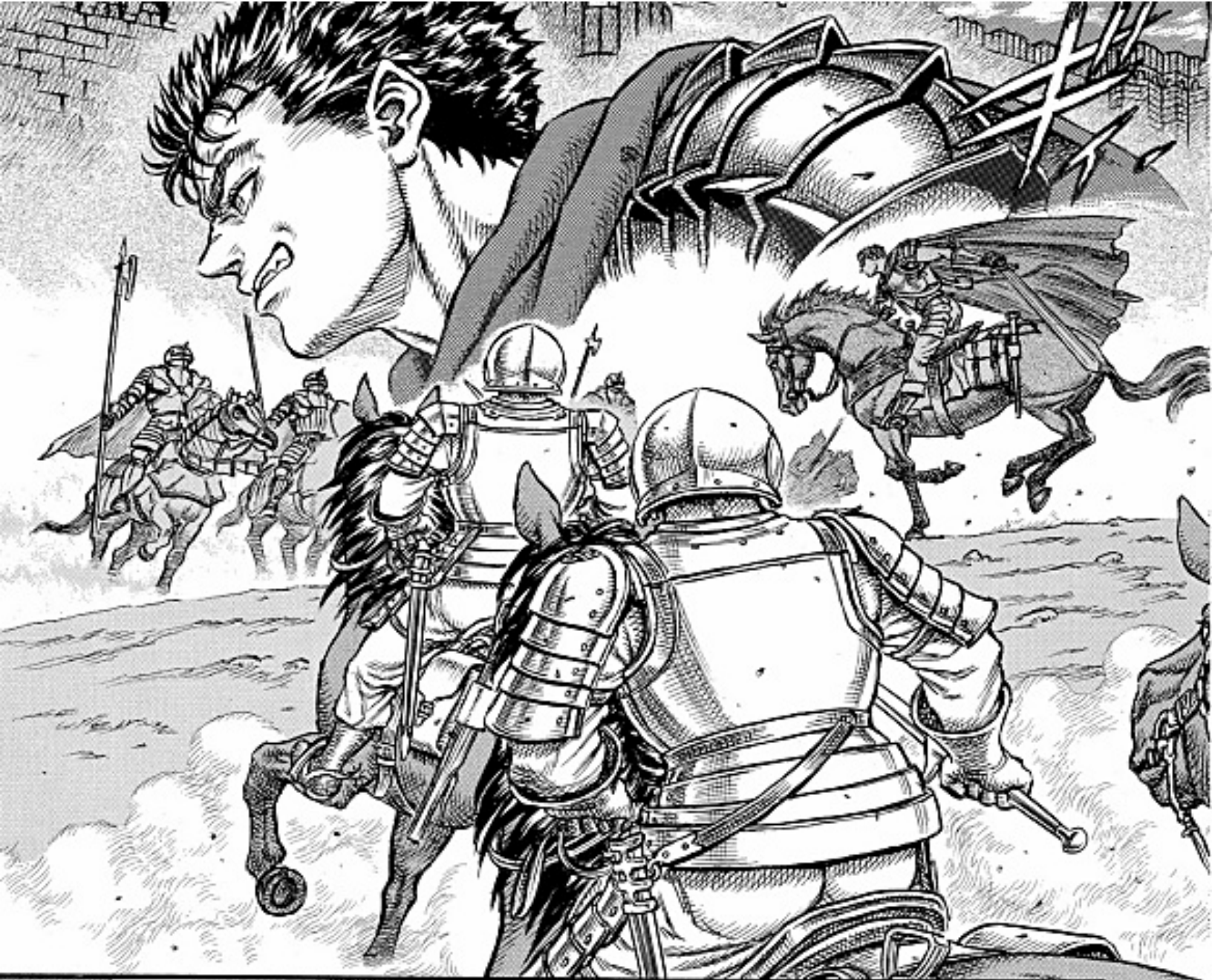


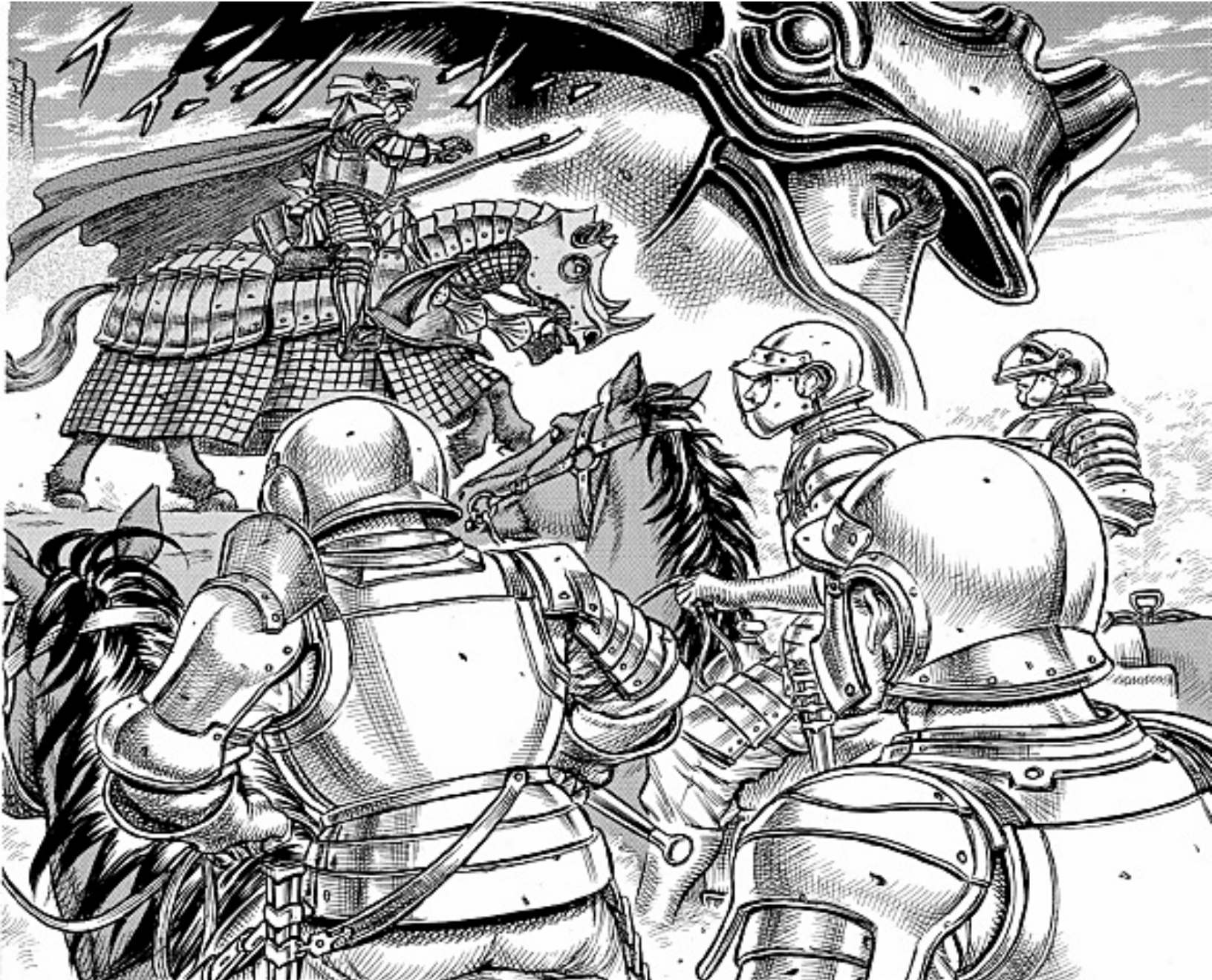


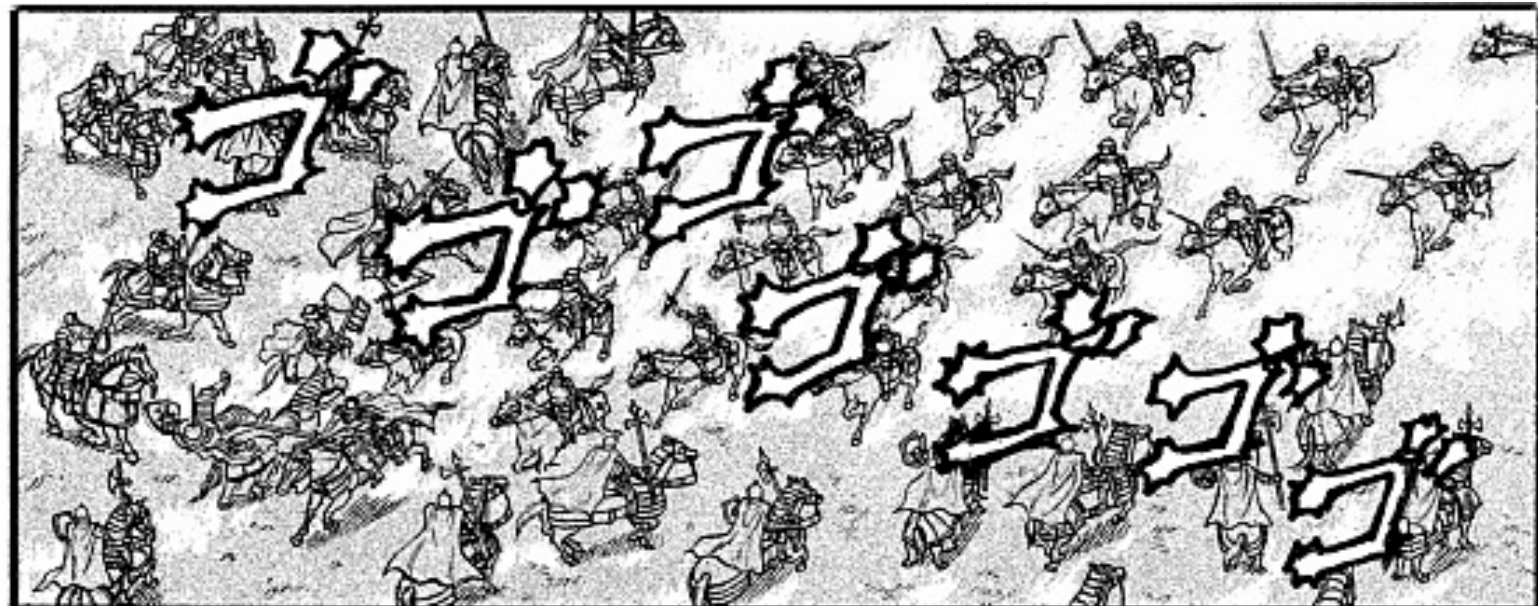
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THE BATTLE FOR DOLDREY,
CHAPTER 3







NO MATTER HOW MANY
ENEMIES WE'VE FACED,
THE CHARGE OF THE HOLY
PURPLE RHINO KNIGHTS
HAS NEVER BEEN
CHECKED!!

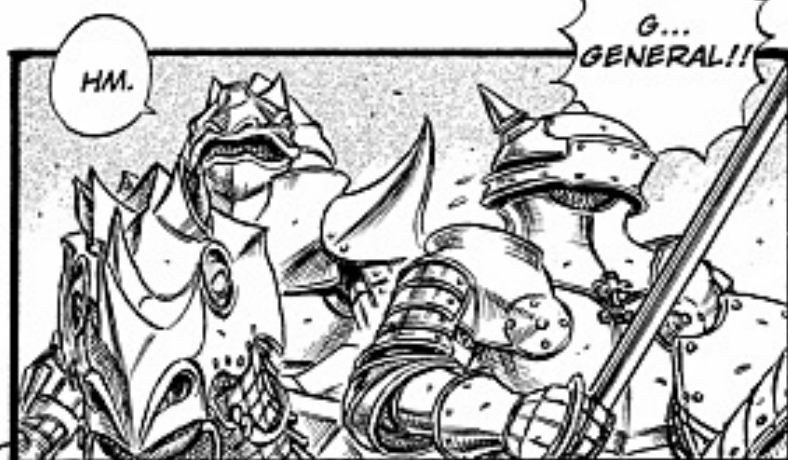
IT...CAN'T BE!!
THEY AREN'T
STOPPING!!

FORGET
ADVANCING...
WE'RE BEING
PUSHED?!



THEY
POSSESS
WORTHY
ADVERSARIES.

DAMNED
HAWKS...



HM.

G...
GENERAL!!

NO
WONDER
...

THAT
MAN,
THEN.

SO
THAT'S
HIM...

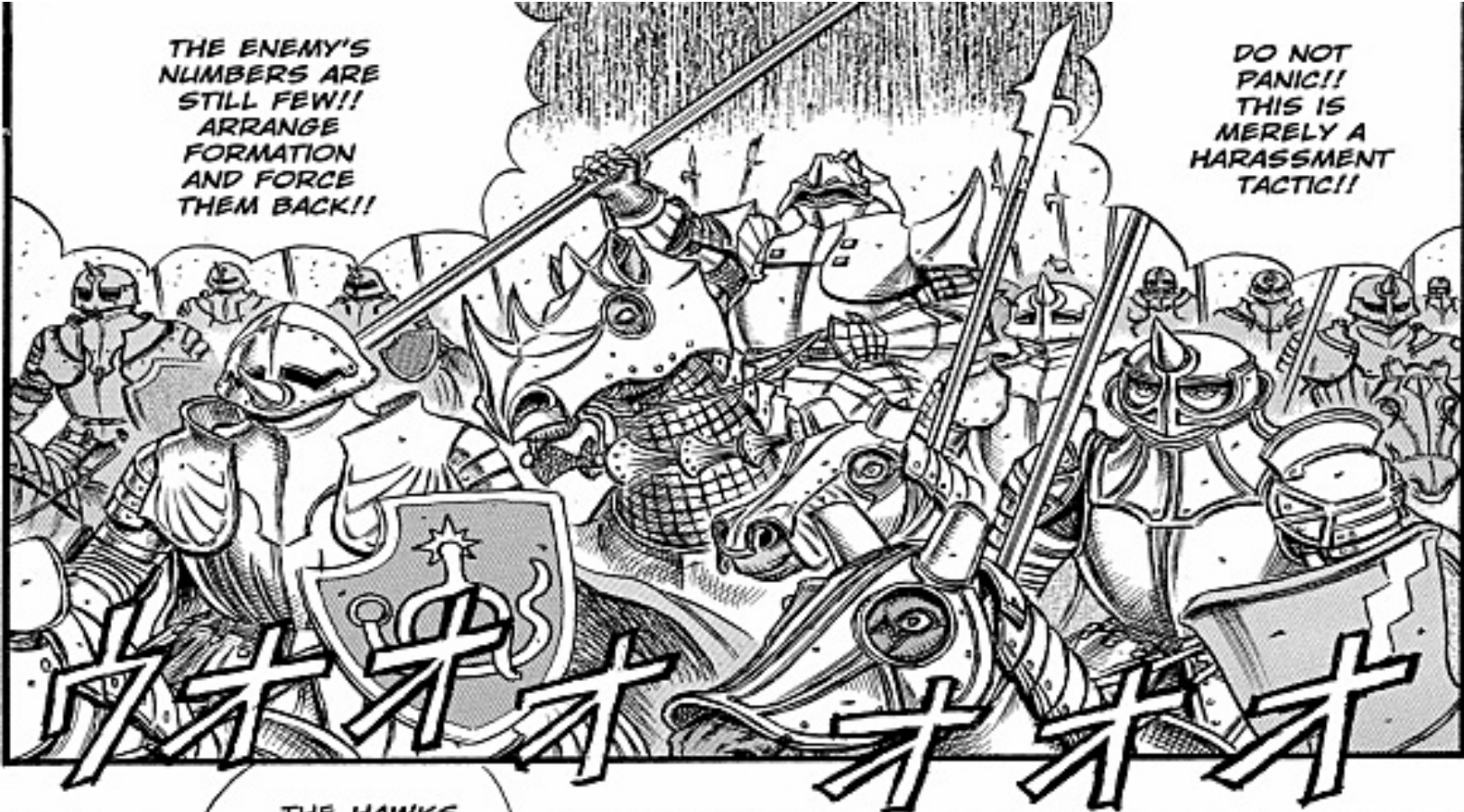
SIR
?

IT WOULD SEEM
THE STORY THAT
ADON'S HUNDRED
MERCENARIES
WERE KILLED BY
ONE MAN, IS
NOT ENTIRELY
UNTRUE.

THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK'S
RAIDERS
CAPTAIN.

THE ENEMY'S
NUMBERS ARE
STILL FEW!!
ARRANGE
FORMATION
AND FORCE
THEM BACK!!

DO NOT
PANIC!!
THIS IS
MERELY A
HARASSMENT
TACTIC!!



THE HAWKS
AND THE
RHINOS ARE
WELL
MATCHED.

THOUGH AFTER
ALL THIS IS
THE EXTENT OF
A SMALL FORCE'S
CAPABILITIES.





SIR!
I
AM
HERE!

IS
ANYONE
THERE?



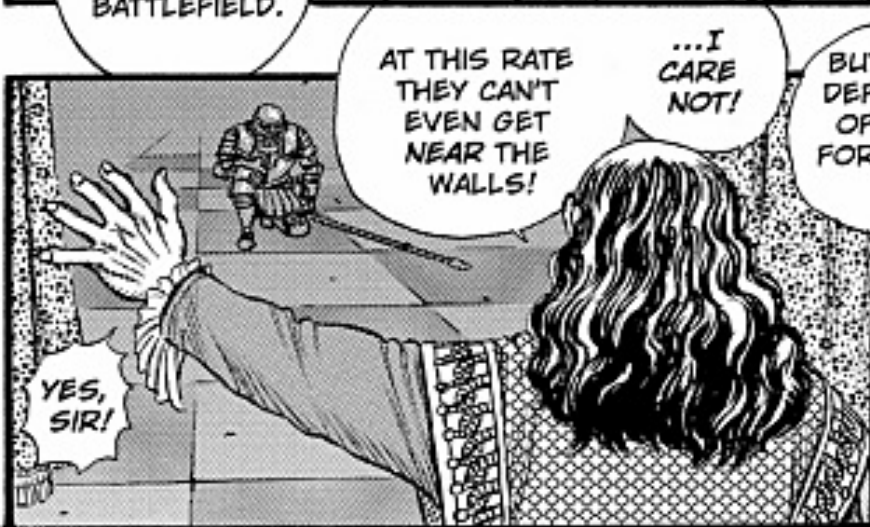
MIGHT HE
INTEND TO
DISREGARD
MY
COMMAND?

BUT THAT
BOSCOGN.
IF HE KEEPS
FIGHTING
THAT WAY,
HE'LL KILL
GRIFFITH.



I WILL
TAKE
PERSONAL
COMMAND
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.

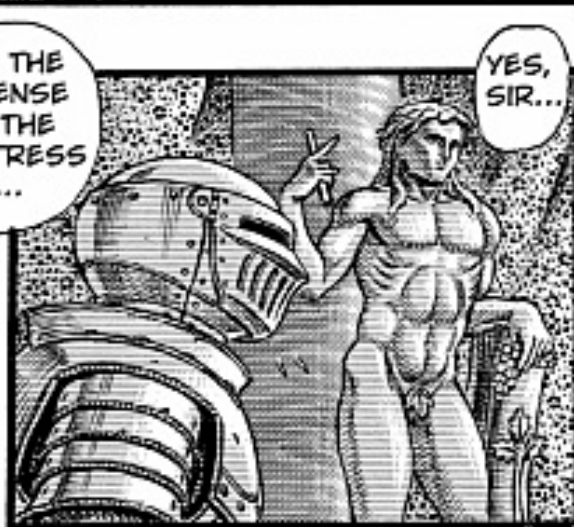
PREPARE MY
BODYGUARDS
WHO REMAIN
IN THE
FORTRESS
TO RIDE.



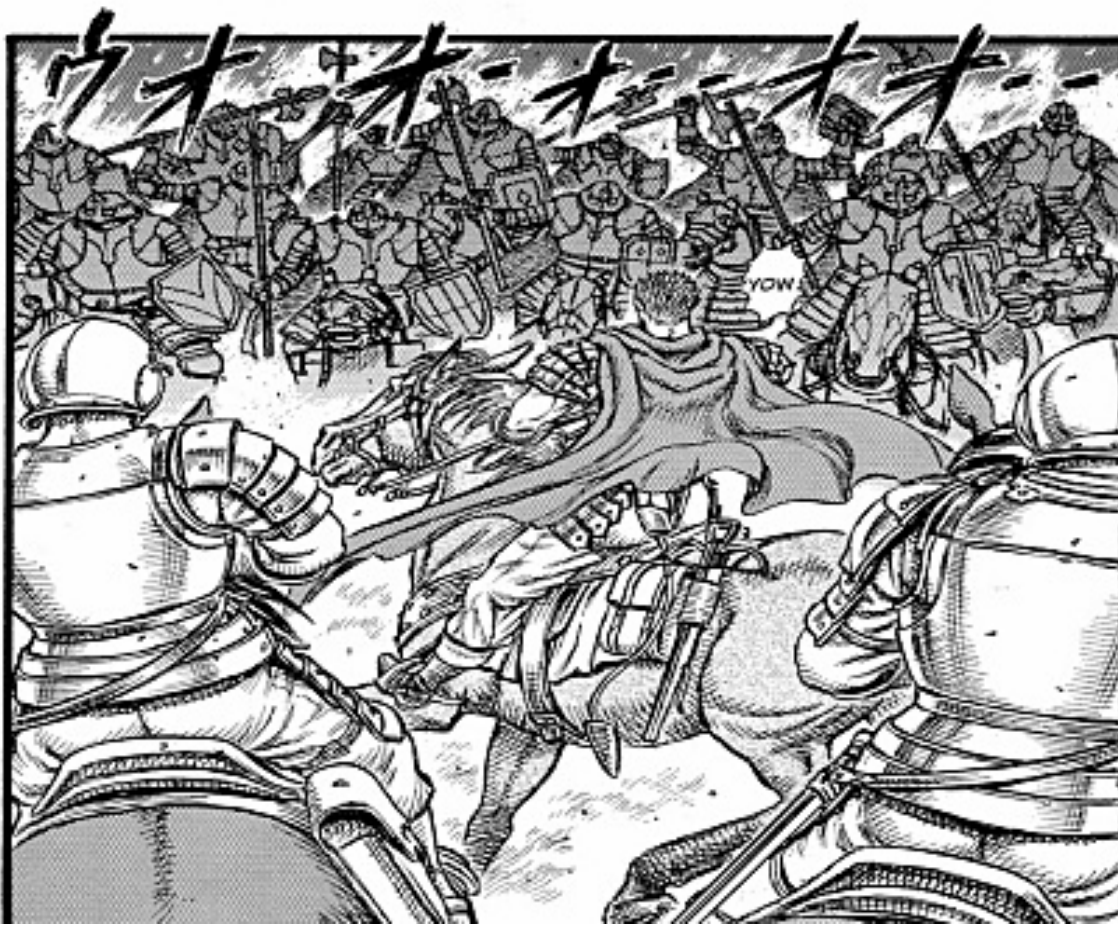
AT THIS RATE
THEY CAN'T
EVEN GET
NEAR THE
WALLS!

...I
CARE
NOT!

BUT THE
DEFENSE
OF THE
FORTRESS
...



YES,
SIR...





ALL
HANDS
WITHDRAW!!

FALL
BACK TO
HEAD-
QUARTERS!!



RUN
FOR
IT!!

C'MON
BOYS!!

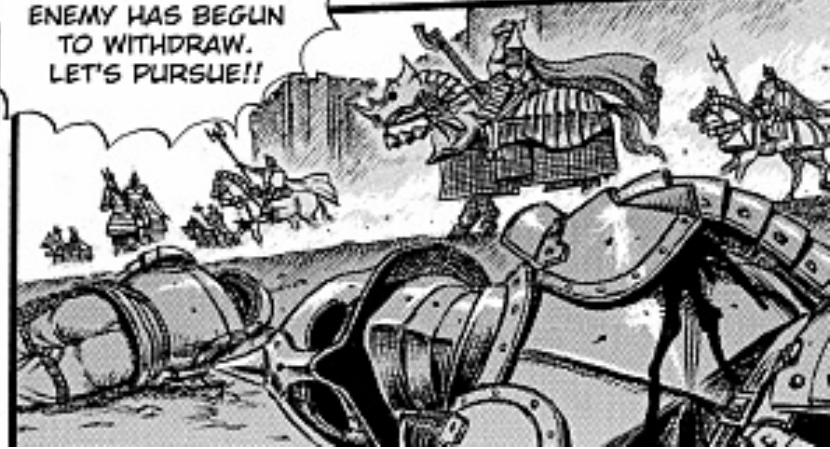
YEAH!!



SIR?

INSCRU-
TABLE.

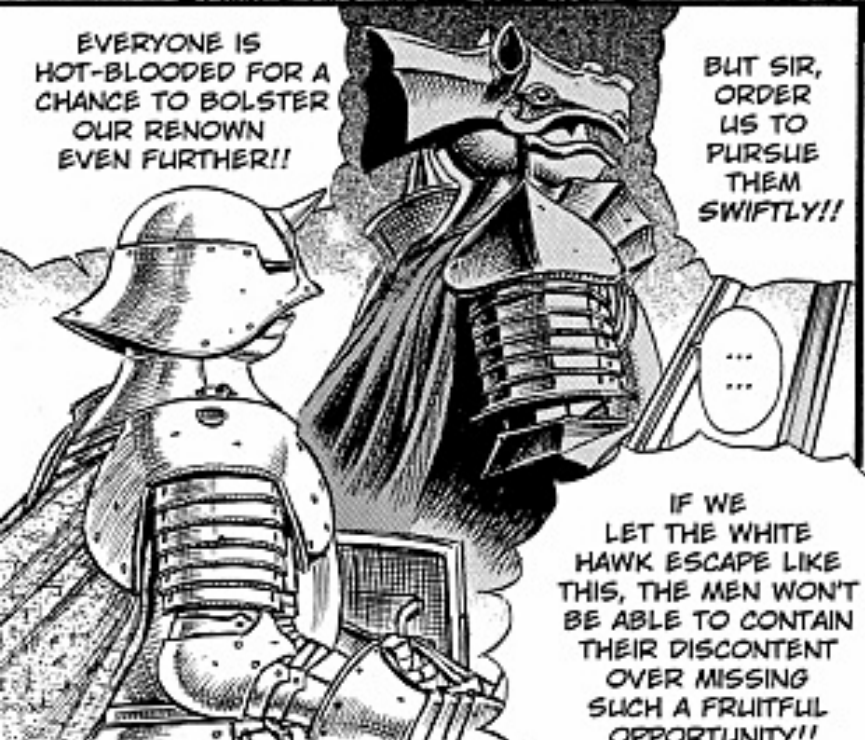
GENERAL!! THE
ENEMY HAS BEGUN
TO WITHDRAW.
LET'S PURSUE!!





IS THIS
REALLY THE
PLAN OF THE
UNDEFEATED
WHITE
HAWK?

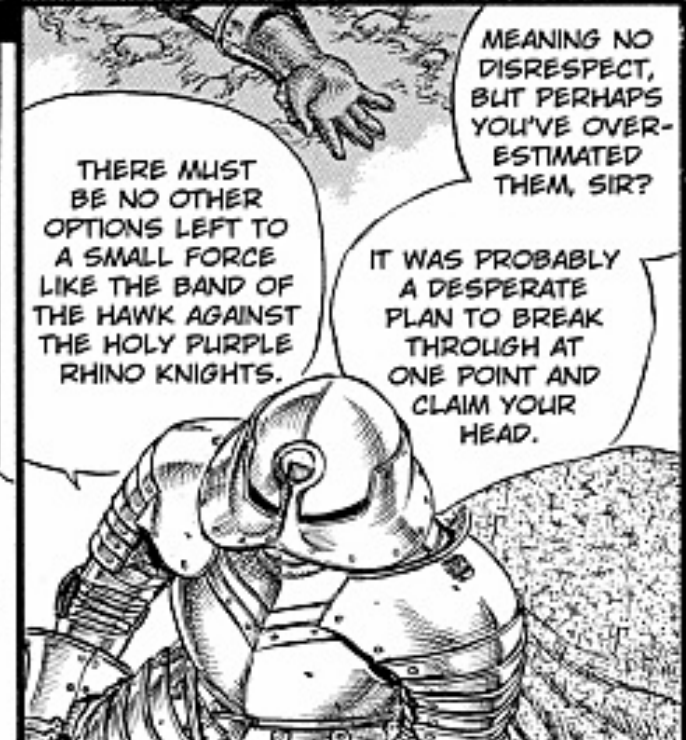
HE SHOULD
HAVE SEEN
THE OUTCOME
OF SUCH AN
ATTACK FROM
THE START.



EVERYONE IS
HOT-BLOODED FOR A
CHANCE TO BOLSTER
OUR RENOWN
EVEN FURTHER!!

BUT SIR,
ORDER
US TO
PURSUE
THEM
SWIFTLY!!

...
...
IF WE
LET THE WHITE
HAWK ESCAPE LIKE
THIS, THE MEN WON'T
BE ABLE TO CONTAIN
THEIR DISCONTENT
OVER MISSING
SUCH A FRUITFUL
OPPORTUNITY!!



THERE MUST
BE NO OTHER
OPTIONS LEFT TO
A SMALL FORCE
LIKE THE BAND OF
THE HAWK AGAINST
THE HOLY PURPLE
RHINO KNIGHTS.


MEANING NO
DISRESPECT,
BUT PERHAPS
YOU'VE OVER-
ESTIMATED
THEM, SIR?

IT WAS PROBABLY
A DESPERATE
PLAN TO BREAK
THROUGH AT
ONE POINT AND
CLAIM YOUR
HEAD.



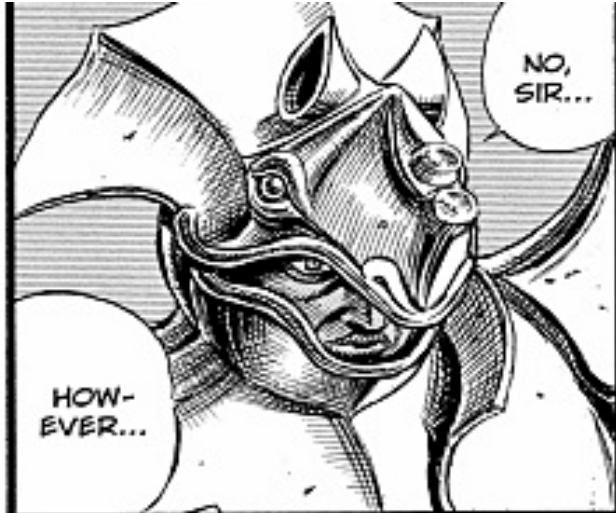
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
BOSCOGN?

EXCELL-
ENCY.



WHAT?


GENERAL!!
HIS
EXCELLENCY
THE
GOVERNOR!!





NEVER
YOU
MIND.






ALL ARE
TO PURSUE
THE ENEMY!!

IT
CANNOT
BE
HELPED!!



ゴオ..オオ.オオオ..オオ.オオ..オオ.オ..



WHOA!!



WHOA
!!

THIS AIN'T
A GOOD TIME
TO BE BRINGIN'
UP THE REAR
BY MYSELF!!

LIKE
IT'S
ALWAYS
BEEN.

RIGHT,
EVERYTHING'S
IN THE PALM
OF YOUR
HAND...



BUT AS
PLANNED,
THEY TOOK
THE BAIT
AND CAME
ON.....



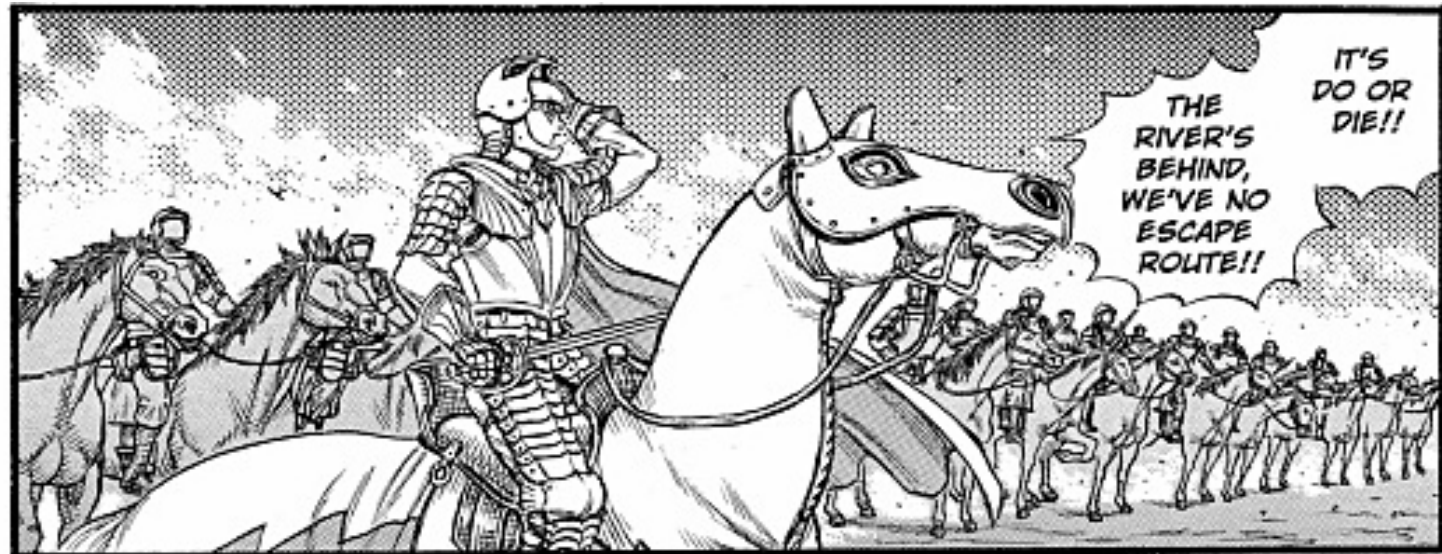
TAKE
FORMATION!!



HAHA. Y'MEAN
WE'RE GONNA
TAKE ON
ALL OF
THEM?

SPEC-
TACULAR.



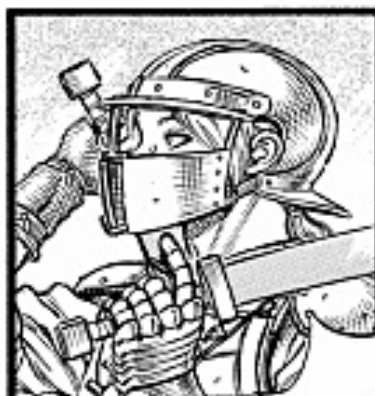


THE
RIVER'S
BEHIND,
WE'VE NO
ESCAPE
ROUTE!!

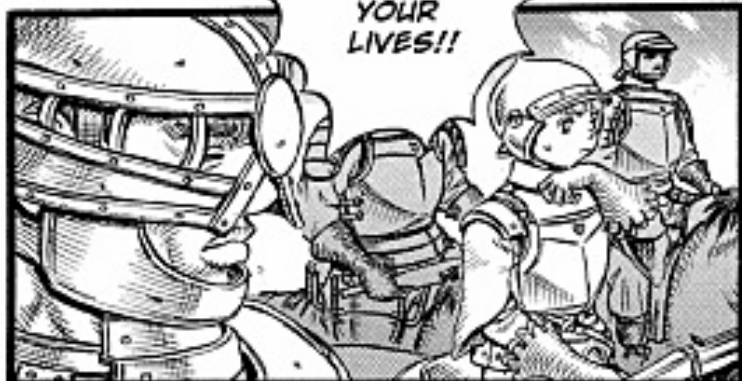
IT'S
DO OR
DIE!!



THERE'S
NO
OTHER
CHANCE
FOR
SURVIVAL!!



LAY
DOWN
YOUR
LIVES!!



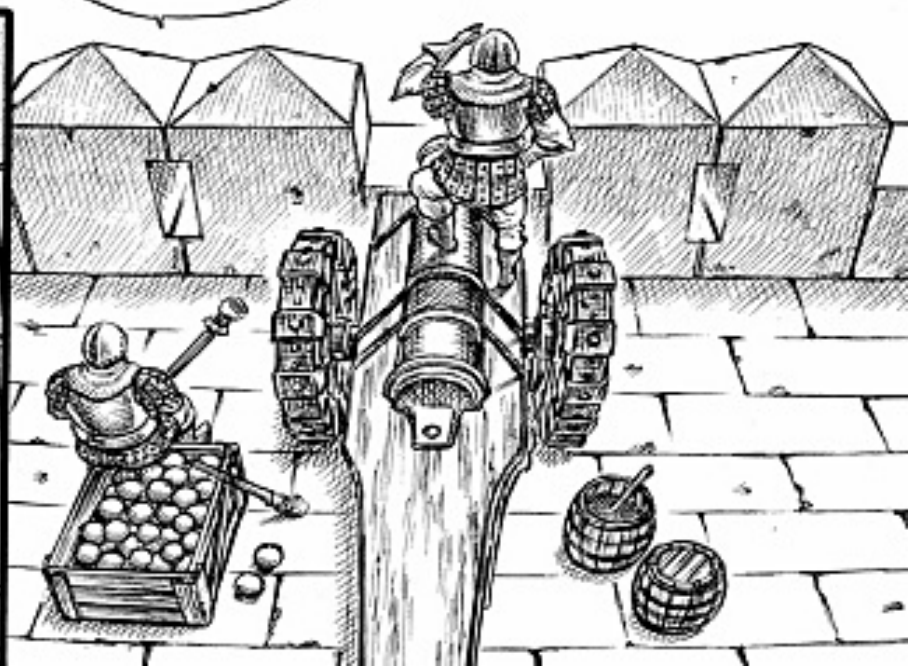
...WE
WILL
STAND
VICTORIOUS!!

BUT IF
WE DO
SURVIVE...













E...
ENEMIES
?!

WHERE'D
THEY
...?

RUSH
IN!!











SHOCKK!!!

A-DONNN
!!!

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THE BATTLE FOR DOLDREV
CHAPTER 4



HUHAHA!!
THEY ALSO
CALL ME
"INVINCIBLE
BARON
ADON!!"

EVEN IF I AM
A COCKROACH,
YOU HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT TO
KNEEL BEFORE
MY STAMINA!!

AS LONG AS YOU
STILL HAVE KNEES
TO KNEEL WITH,
OF COURSE!!



YOU'RE
REALLY A
TENACIOUS
COCKROACH.

YOU
AGAIN,
HUH?

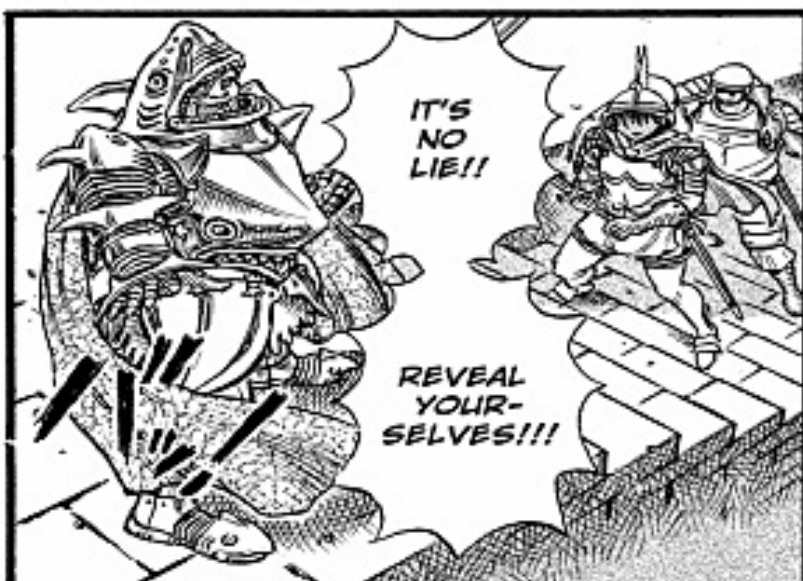
WHAT'S
WITH
THAT
ARMOR?



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THEREFORE I
PERSONALLY ACCEPTED
THE DUTY OF PROTECTING THE
FORTRESS AND HAVE BEEN
WATCHING FOR YOU TO WALTZ
BRAZENLY IN HERE!!

HHHHMM...
I, ADON, SAW
THROUGH THE
SCHEMES OF
YOU COMMON
RABBLE AGES
AGO!!



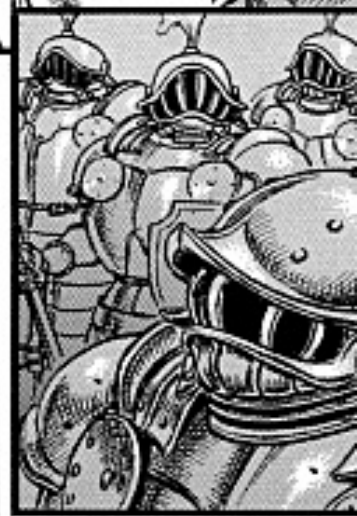
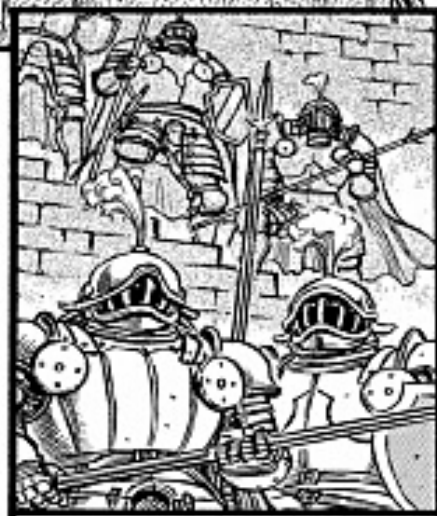
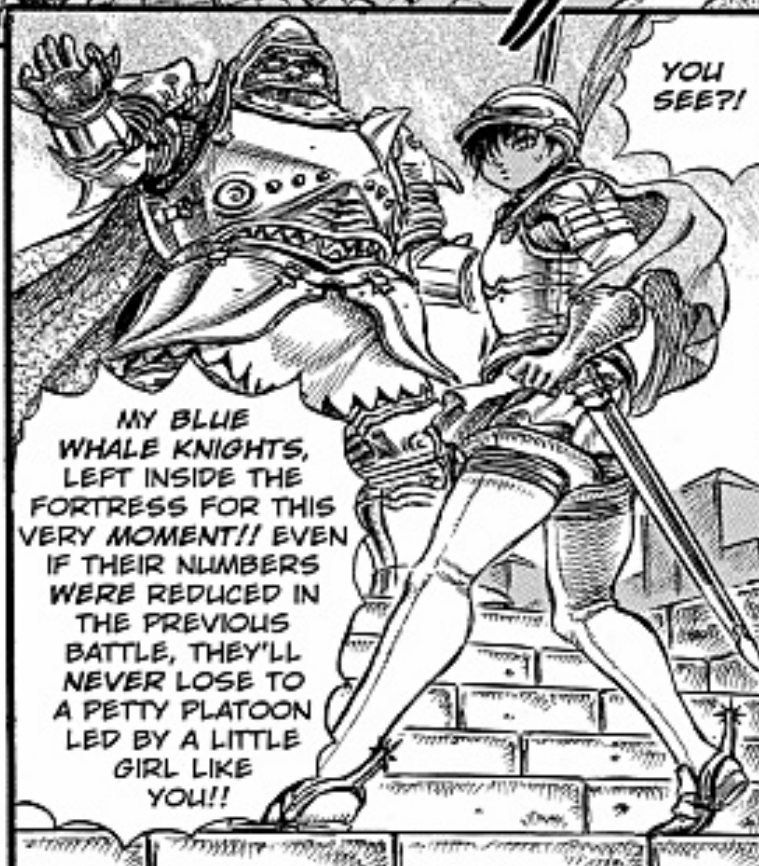
IT'S
NO
LIE!!

REVEAL
YOUR-
SELVES!!!



HE WAS
PROB'LY
FORCED TO
STAY
BEHIND.

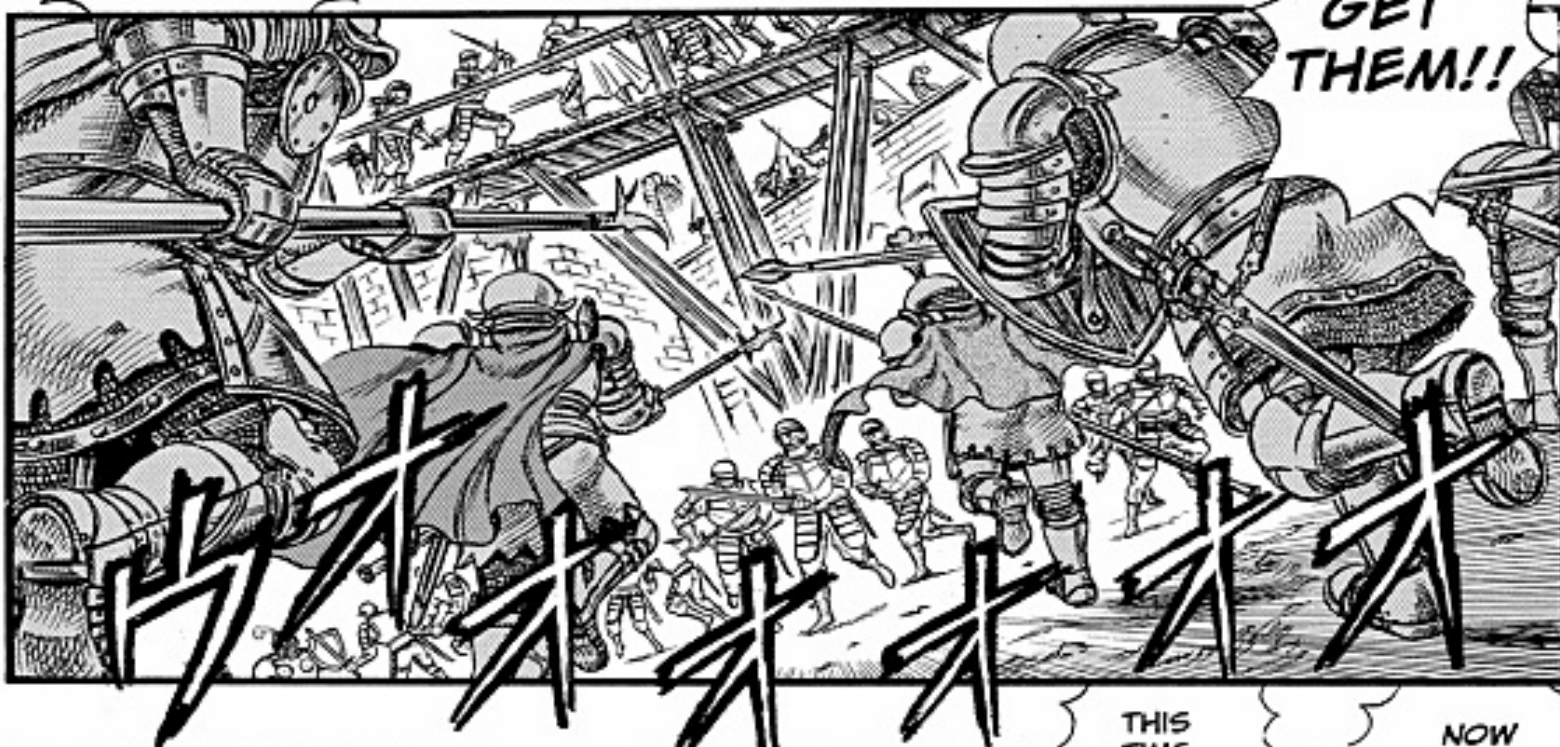
LIAR.



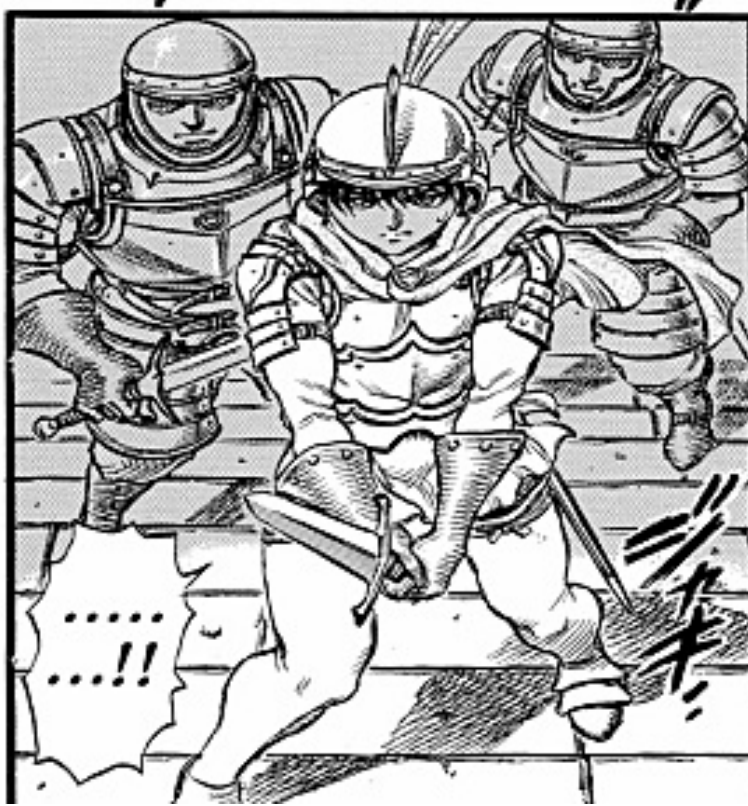


LISTEN
!!

NOT ONE
OF THEM
MUST BE
ALLOWED
TO LEAVE
HERE
ALIVE!!



GET
THEM!!



.....
!!



THIS
TIME
I GET
REVENGE
...

NOW
COME,
GIRL!!

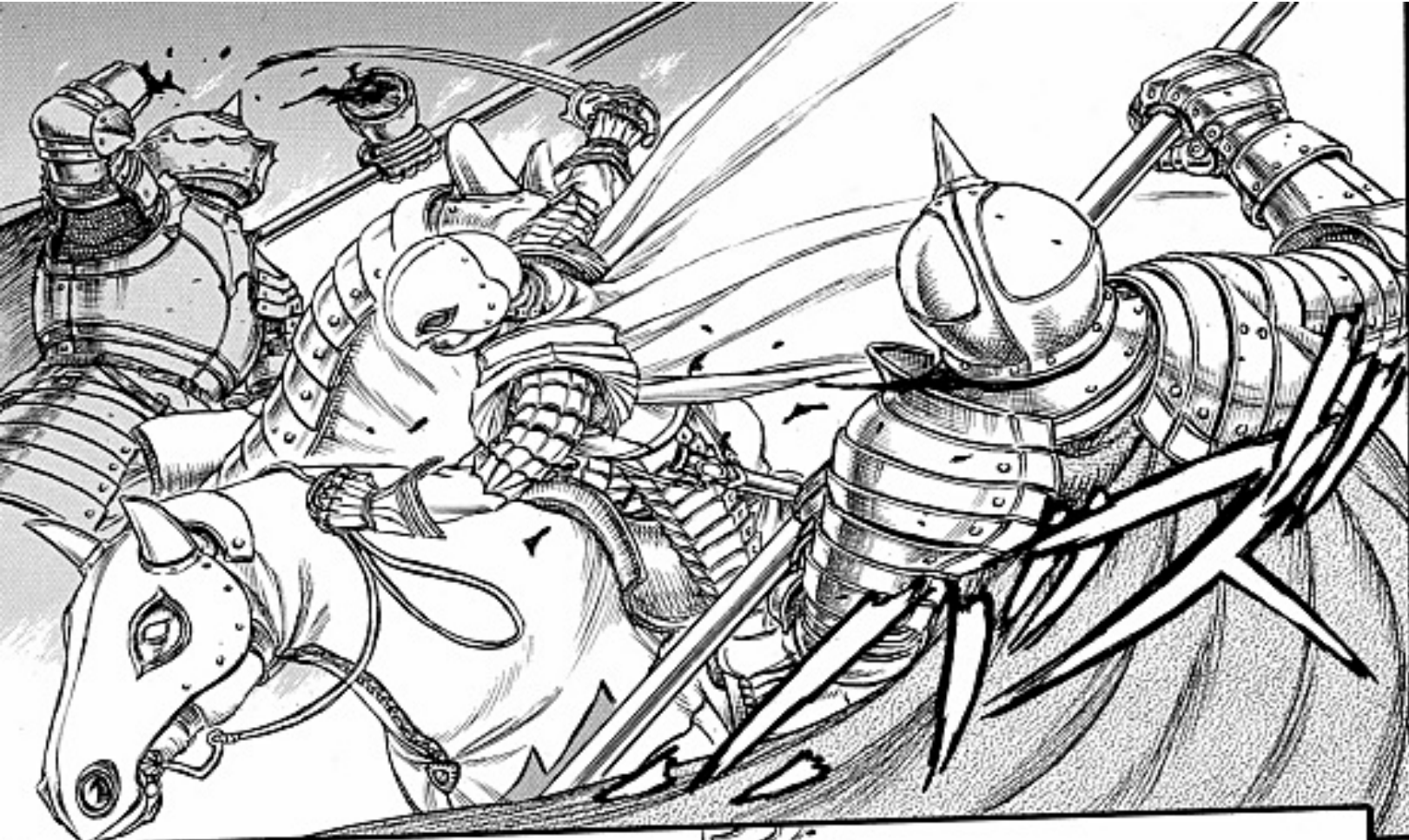
...FOR
MY
LITTLE
BROTHER
SAMSON!!

ON MY
PRIDE AS
AN IMPERIAL
ARISTOCRAT,
YOU WILL
BE MY
PLAYTHING.
DOWAHHHH!!



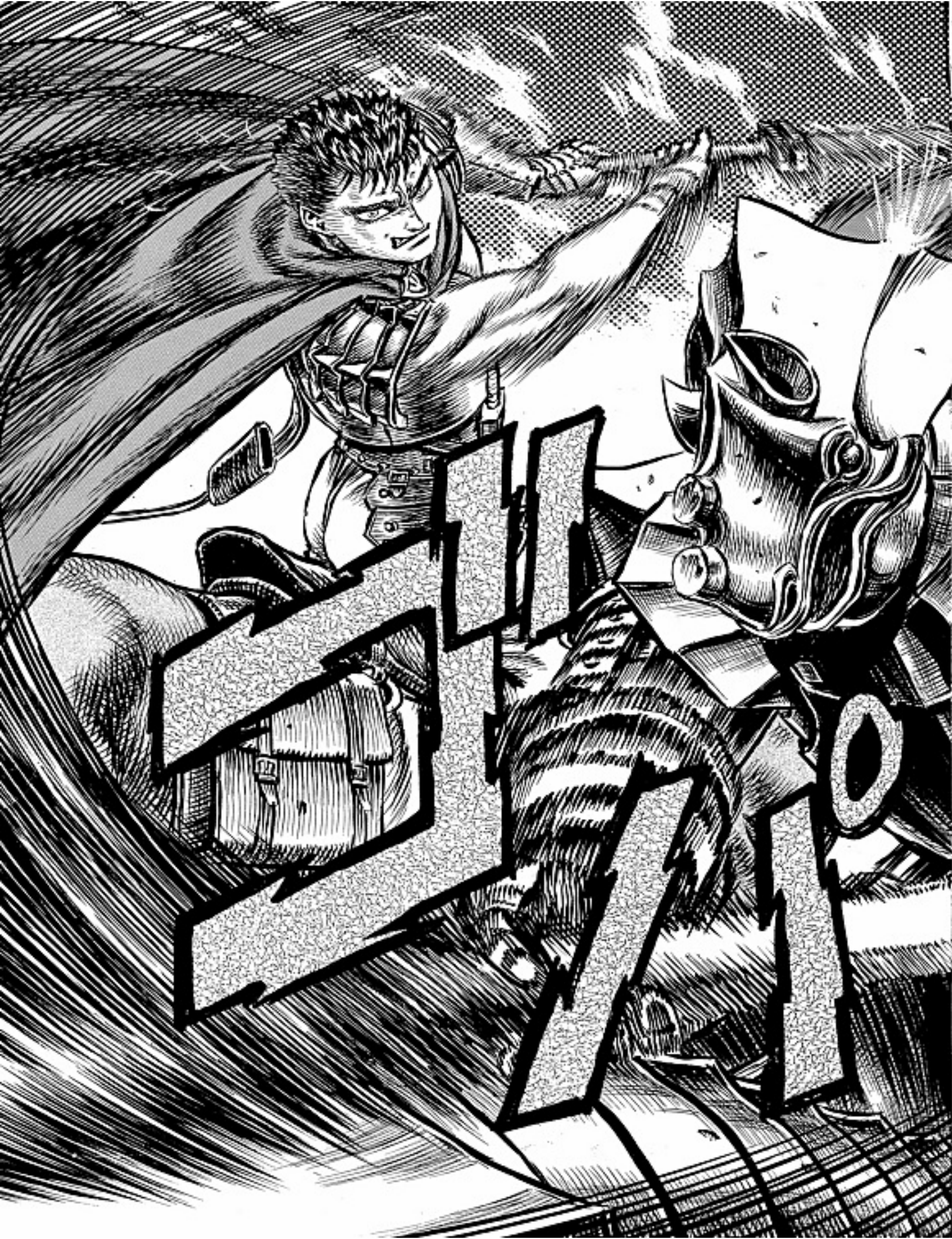
NO
MORE
MERCY
FOR YOU!!
NOT
THIS
TIME!!

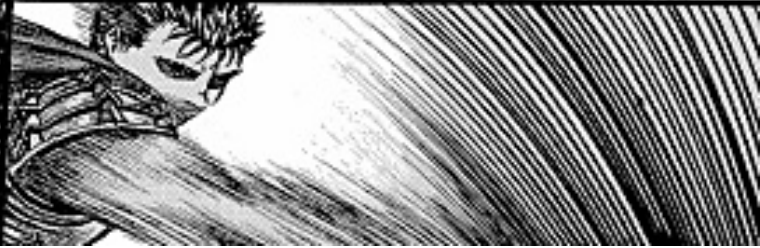
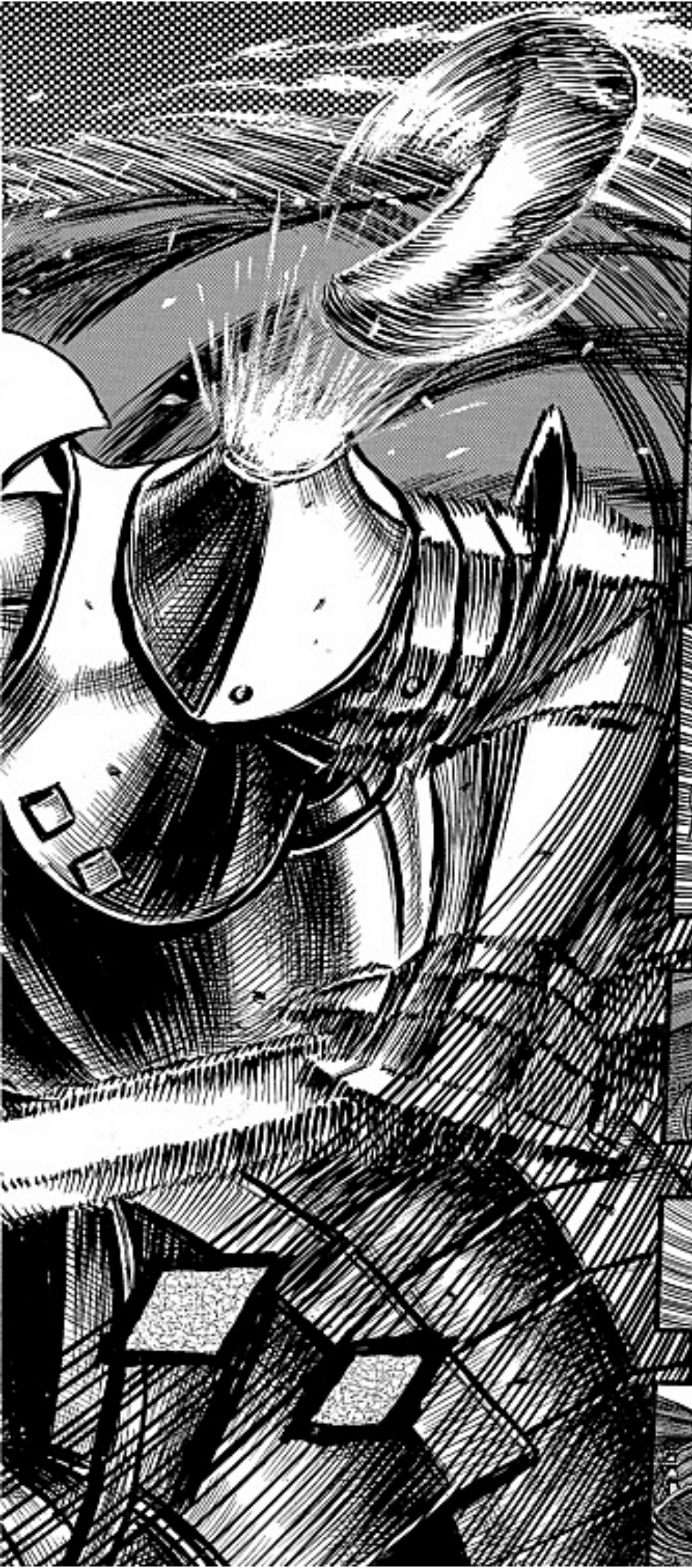


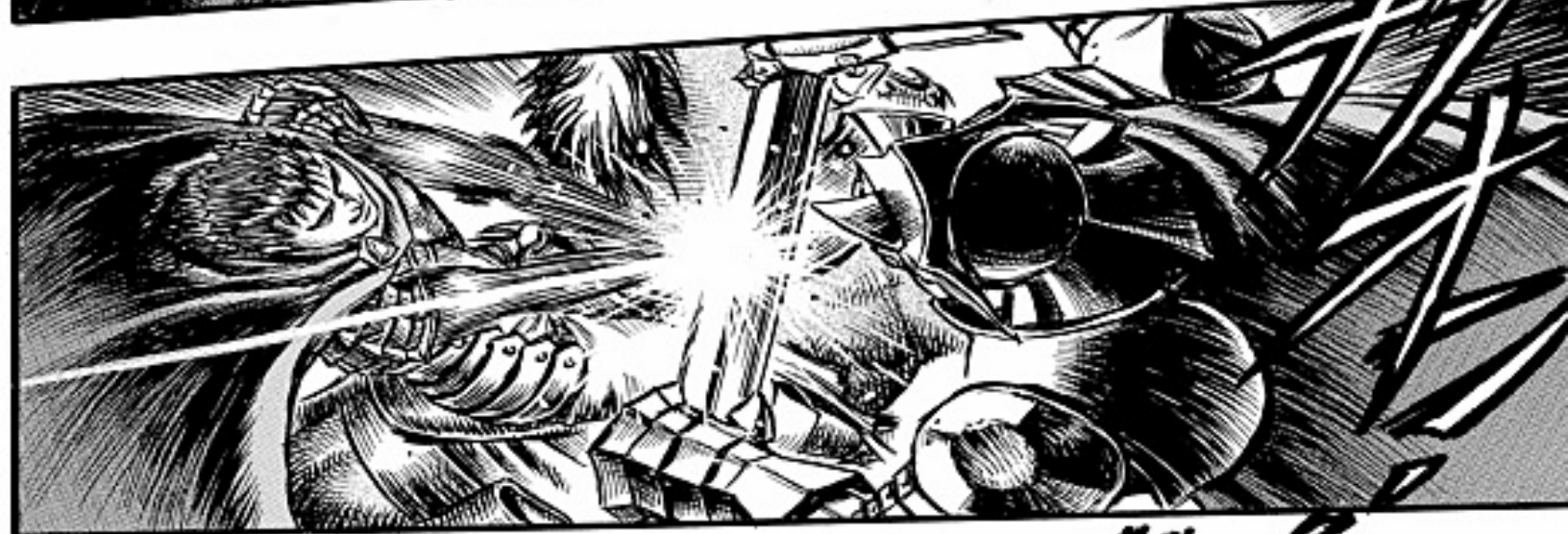










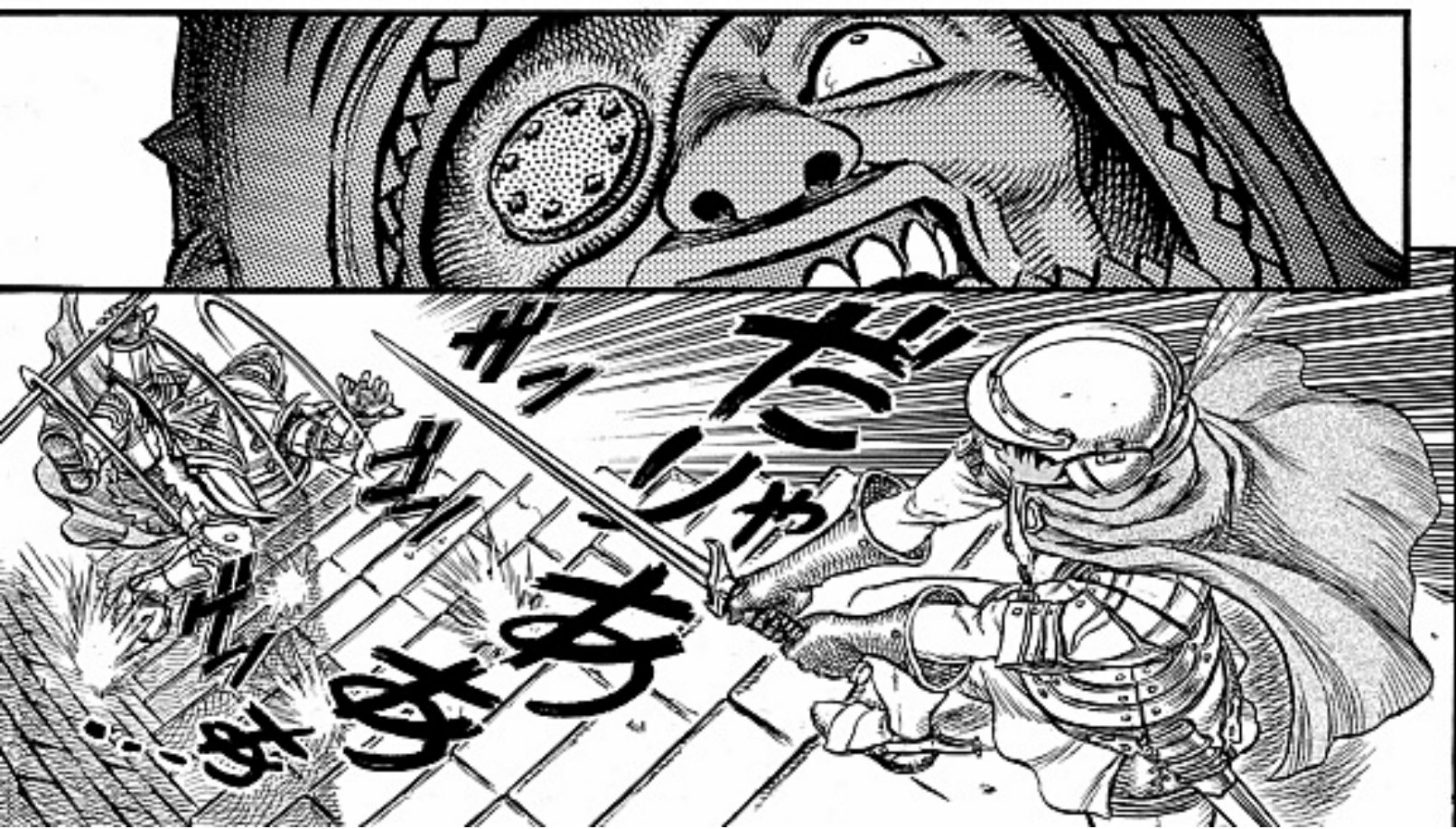




IF...IF YOU
APPROACHED
NOW YOU'D GET
CAUGHT IN THEIR
BLADE-WIND!!

YOU CAN'T
SEE THEIR
WEAPONS!!

A-
AMAZING!!



WH-
WHY?!

YOU COULD
HARDLY LIFT A
FINGER AGAINST
ME BEFORE!!

WOMEN
HAVE
THEIR OWN
SET OF
CIRCUM-
STANCES.

I
WASN'T
IN TOP
FORM
THEN.



THAT
MONSTER
DOESN'T
STAND A
CHANCE!!

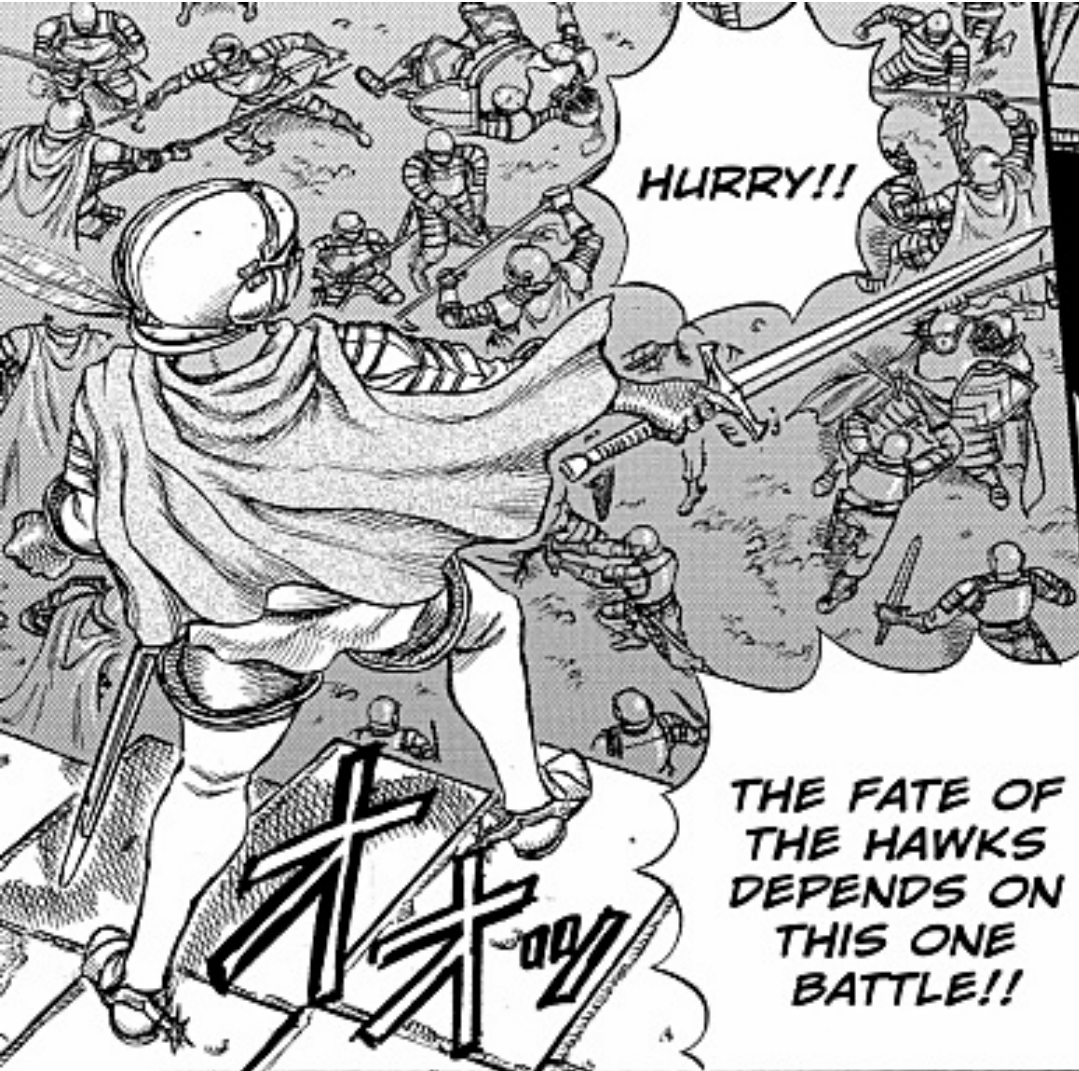
OH!! IT
WAS HER
PERIOD.

SIS
REALLY IS
INCREDIBLE!!

DON'T
SHOUT
IT!!

WHAAAT?!
ARE YOU TELLING
ME YOU WERE
ON YOUR
PERIOD?!!





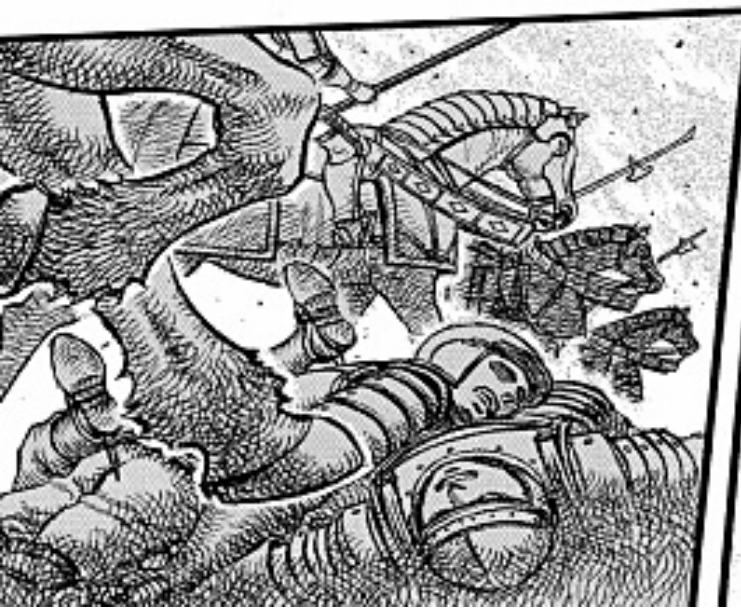
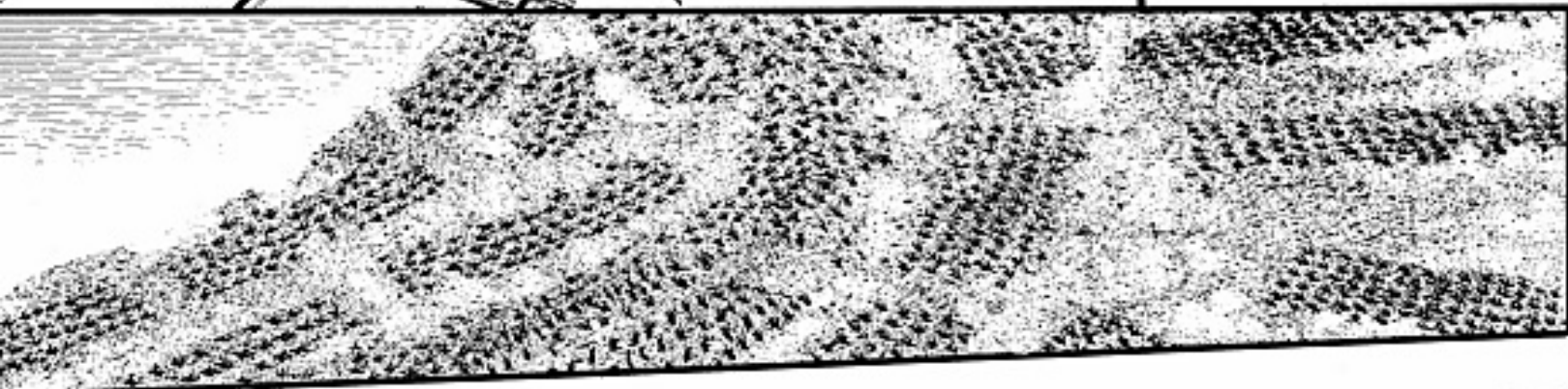
HURRY!!

**THE FATE OF
THE HAWKS
DEPENDS ON
THIS ONE
BATTLE!!**



**THE
ENEMY
NUMBERS
FEW!!**

**JUST
CUT
THROUGH
THEM!!**





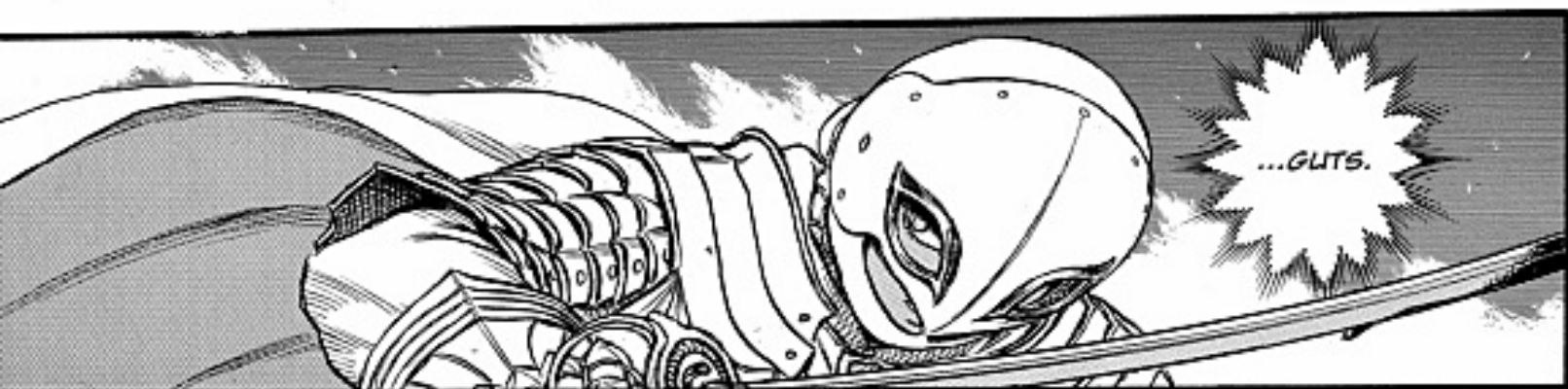
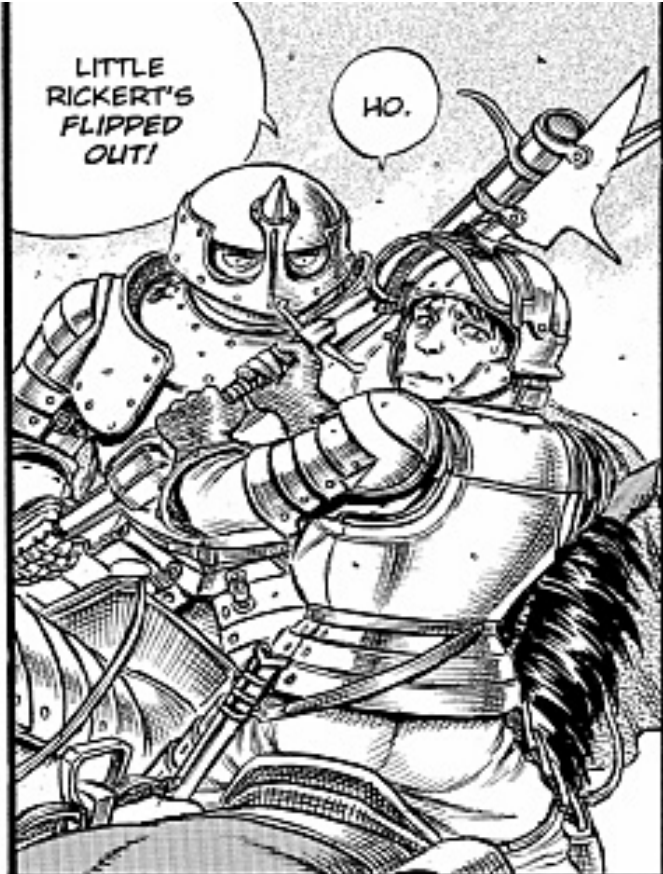
DAMMIT!! IT'S JUST
A MATTER OF
TIME TILL WE'RE
WIPE OUT!!



IF
WE'RE
GONNA
DROWN
ANYWAY, I'D
RATHER DIE
FIGHTING!!



NO
WAY!!
EVEN IF
WE RUN,
WHERE
WOULD
WE GO?
THE RIVER'S
BEHIND US!!





IF I DON'T
PUT MY LIFE
ON THE LINE...

...I'M
A DEAD
MAN!!

I FEEL
MORE
DEAD
THAN
ALIVE.

EVEN
WORSE THAN
FIGHTING
THOSE
HUNDRED
MERCS!!

HE'S
STRONG
!!



IT'S
NOT AS
HOPE-
LESS...

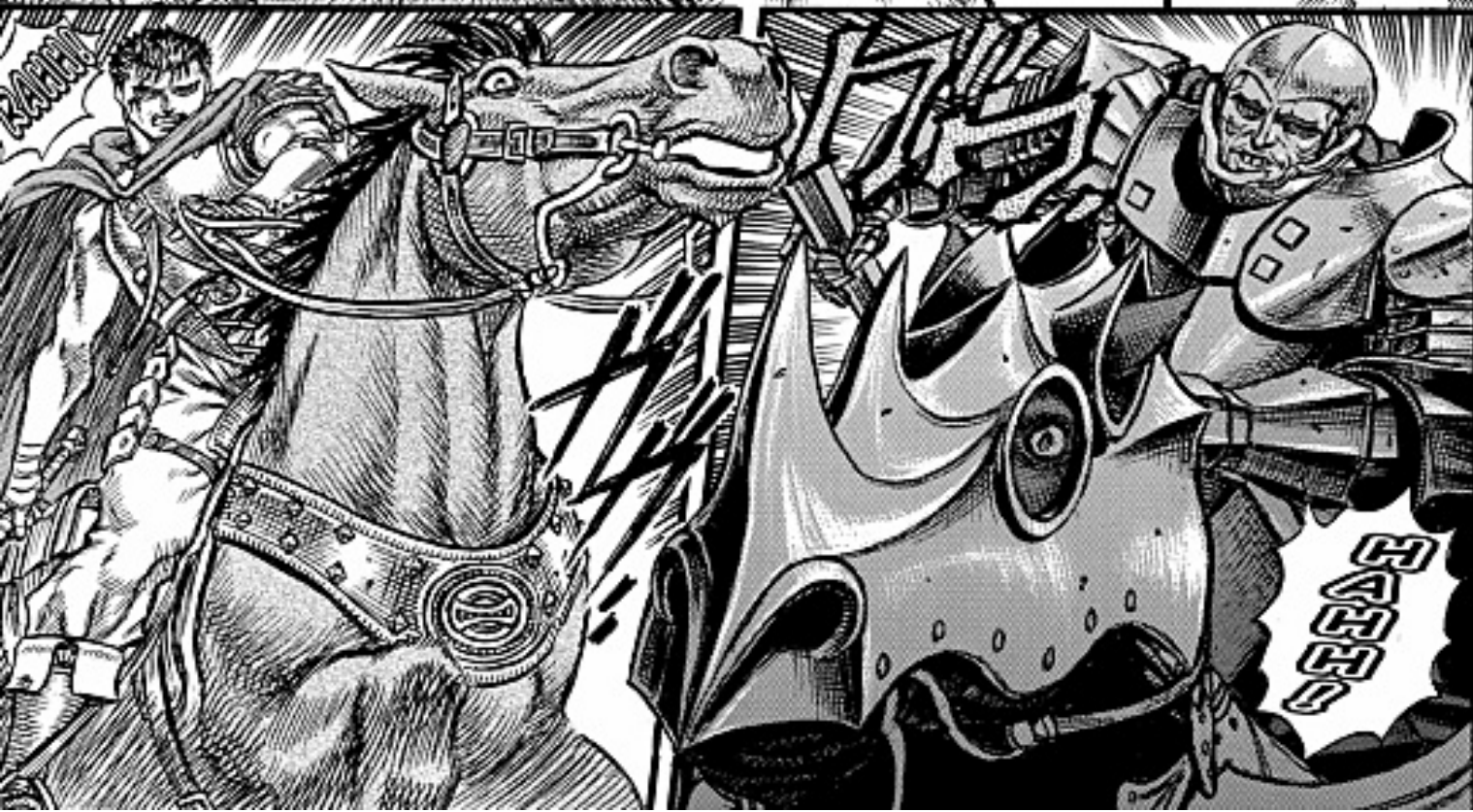


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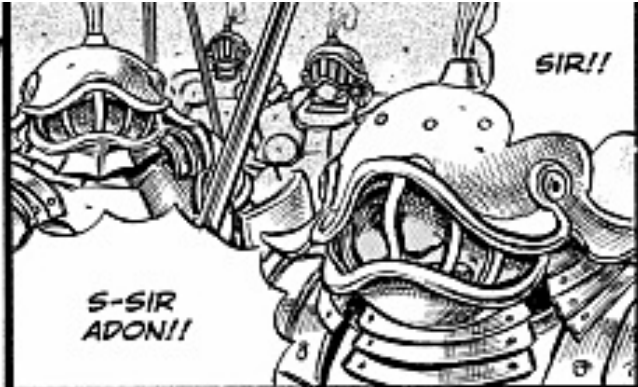
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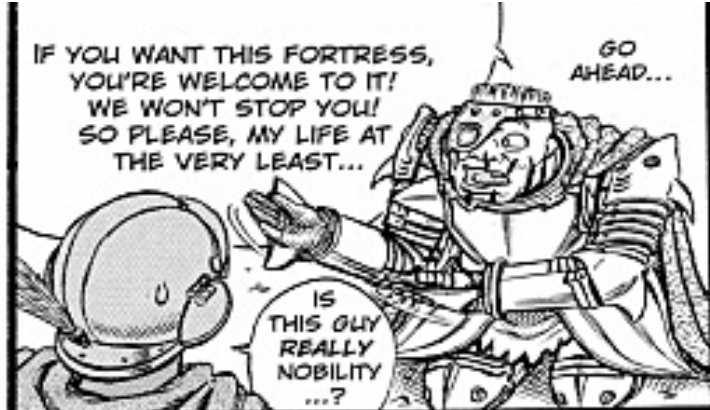


IT
AIN'T AS
BAD AS
THAT
TIME.....









RESSHA JINRAIHA*!
THAT'S NOT JUST AN
ARROW. IT WAS
DIPPED IN
A POTENT
NARCOTIC!

THE SECRET ADVANCED
ARCHERY TECHNIQUE
PASSED DOWN
THROUGH MY
COBORLWITZ
FAMILY
FOR A THOU-
SAND YEARS.

**FURIOUS
ATTACK
THUNDERCLAP
BURST*

うはあ!!
...YOUR EVIL
DEEDS ARE
AT AN END,
YOU BITCH!!

IN
OTHER
WORDS ...

UWA
HA HA
HA HA
HA, YOU
FOOL!!

SIS!!

THE BATTLE FOR DOLDREY (4): END

STOP

This is the back of the book!

This manga collection is translated into English but oriented in right-to-left reading format at the creator's request, maintaining the artwork's visual orientation as originally published in Japan. If you've never read manga in this way before, take a look at the diagram below to give yourself an idea of how to go about it. Basically, you'll be starting in the upper right corner and will read each balloon and panel moving right to left. It may take some getting used to, but you should get the hang of it very quickly. Have fun!



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BERSERK

**KENTARO
MIURA**

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ベルセルク
三浦建太郎

The feudal kingdoms of Midland and Chuder face off in the final clash of a century-long struggle. Midland's spearhead is the Band of the Hawk, a legendary cadre of mercenaries led by the charismatic Griffith and with the fearless Guts as its berserker champion. The Hawks' ferocity, courage, and fearsome skills are just what Midland needs to turn the bloody tide, but during the fray, Guts and Griffith's most trusted lieutenant, Casca, fall together from a cliff into a raging river. Both miraculously survive, and Guts tends to Casca's wounds as she tells of having her life saved by Griffith, her induction into the Band of the Hawk, and reveals her deep feelings toward Griffith. And she even seems to finally be warming up to the grim Guts. But this greeting-card moment won't last long, for Chuder warriors are on the prowl, and the only greetings they carry are on the points of their spears!

Created by Kentaro Miura, *Berserk* is pedal-to-the-metal manga madness, a raging blur of savage action, grisly horror, and dark humor that has inspired legions of rabid fans and rendered aghast hordes of terrified civilians. Duck and cover and look out for flying glass, because *Berserk* is going . . . well, berserk!

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